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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UKA, INC., IN NORTH CAROLINA)

RE: NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE
COMMITTEE OF UNITED KLANS
OF AMERICA, INC. (NIC)

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Appellate Court Releases State KKK's Grand Dragon

Charles B. (Rip) Riddlehoover, the 35-year-old Grand Dragon of the South Florida Ku Klux Klan, was a free man Wednesday after an appellate court reversed his conviction and three-year prison sentence for illegal possession of firearms.

Riddlehoover had been found guilty last June 24, and sentenced by then-Crimi-



Riddlehoover

... illegal search

nal Court Judge Jack Falk.

"It is evident that the pretext of a minor traffic violation was used to stop and search (a car in which Rid-

dlehoover was riding) without a search warrant," the Third District Court of Appeal said.

Riddlehoover, convicted as a felon for an Atlanta burglary, admitted ownership of a pistol found in the auto driven by Jack H. Grantham, when it was stopped by sheriff's deputies on the North-South Expressway.

"Where the primary purpose of an arrest appears to have been a pretext for making an unrelated, exploratory search of the defendant or his car, the search is not justified," the court said.

Riddlehoover had appealed his conviction on the ground Judge Falk should have suppressed the evidence the same reason cited by the appellate court.

Miami Herald

Miami, Florida

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)

FROM: *[Signature]* SAC, MIAMI (157-1114)

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INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(CHARLES BAKER RIDDLEHOVER)

ReBuairtel to Miami 9/16/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of a newspaper clipping from the "Miami Herald" dated 5/11/67, showing that the Appellate Court reversed the conviction of a three year prison sentence against CHARLES BAKER RIDDLEHOVER.

It is anticipated that RIDDLEHOVER will again become active in Klan or hate groups and Miami will be alert to submit counterintelligence proposals to disrupt RIDDLEHOVER.

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date _____ Dictated _____ to _____ Transcribed _____ Authenticated by Informant 4/20/67		Date of Report 4/20/67 Date(s) of activity 4/20/67
Brief description of activity or material Meeting of Seaway Consultants, Inc., 4/20/67. Discussion had relative to selling and/or refinancing Klan building.		File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
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Action:

1. Consider CIP action should refinancing of Klan building be requested of any bank.

- 1 - 157-514 (UKA)
- 1 - 157-1431 (KLAVERN #6)
- 1 - 157-1381 (FINANCES)
- 1 - 157-1464 (ZBIN)
- 1 - 157-1424 (ABERNATHY)
- 1 - 157-1509 (MC BROOM)
- 1 - 157-1562 (BURD)
- 1 - 157-1697 (KNEHNER)
- 1 - 157-1757 (STEPHENS)
- 1 - 157-1457 (KOTHROCK)
- 1 - 157-1406 (TAYLOR)
- 1 - 157-1632 (WASSER)
- ① - 157-1114 (CIP)

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April 20, 1967
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

On April 20, 1967, ^{at 7:30PM} there was a Board Of Directors Meeting of Seaway Engineering Inc., held in the office of DAN ZBIN, President of the corporation, (and owner of DAN ZBIN LANDSCAPING CO., INC.)

Those present were ZBIN, ABERNATHY, MC BROOM, BURD, KUEHNER, STEPHENS, and ROTHROCK, all Klansmen of Unit#6, UKA.

It was discussed what to do about the building that the men have been trying to sell. The men who were interested in buying the building, can't seem to get financing to suit their budget.

ROTHROCK was against the selling of the building, and asked why, the building couldn't be REFINANCED, so the payments could be dropped where the KLAN UNIT could afford to keep it for a meeting place.

ZBIN was appointed to contact the BANK he deals with in his business, ~~EVERGLADES~~ EVERGLADES BANK, and MC BROOM was appointed to talk with FORT LAUDERDALE NATIONAL. It was heard that JESS TAYLOR will be contacted tomorrow (April 21, 1967) to have his bank, (FIRST NATIONAL) to send an appraiser out to see what that bank would go on the refinancing.

IT was heard that there is a first mortgage with HOLLYWOOD BANK AND TRUST and a second mortgage with a woman in OHIO who originally ~~owned~~ ^{owns} the property.

The Building which is located at 232 SW 30 Street, Ft. Lauderdale, is the meeting place of The UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, UNIT#6, and is used for only that purpose.

The reason that the corporation was formed was so the ~~men~~ ^{men} KLANSMEN would be able to KEEP the building, if the organization was ever declared "illegal" or was disbanned. Otherwise if the organization folded, the Imperial Office could step in and claim it as the organization, and sell it out from under the men.

The KLANSMEN are assessed an extra \$3.00 per month, which after \$28.00 is accumulated, they receive a stock certificate worth a HALF-SHARE. The assessment is NOT COMPULSORY, and some men pay in as much as \$28.00 a month.

DAN ZBIN holds all the stock "IN TRUST", according to the legal papers drawn up by ROGER L. DAVIS, the attorney for the corporation. It was heard that DAVIS is NOT a KLANSMAN, but is called a "SYMPATHIZER" by those who have met him. The officers of the corporation are as follows:
DAN ZBIN, President. OLIN ABERNATHY, Vice President. JOSEPH BURD, Secretary. DONALD STEPHENS, Treasurer. SAM MC BROOM, Resident Agent, and Board of Directors are; KUEHNER, TAYLOR, WASSER, and ROTHROCK.

April 20, 1967
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Discussion was brought up about dropping the ceiling after they receive what money they can by refinancing, along with putting a new door in the rear. Painting, and other improvements were mentioned.

The men also talked about the matches ordered by the unit, and the collecting of donations towards the PLANT CITY DEFENSE FUND.

The men also discussed the possibility of getting a member, or sympathizer who owns some land to let them erect a sign, at least 4'x 8' reading "Future Home of the Ku Klux Klan", and showing 5 acres, with a school, Church, and playground, along with a 8'x 12' outdoor movie screen, in a pictorial. This was a move to "shake people up" in the city of Ft. Lauderdale that the Klan was here to stay, and they are growing bigger every day.

KUEHNER, who is a signpainter said that they may run into trouble getting a permit to erect it, unless they could show deed to the property, but MC BROOM said he'd see HARRY HICKSON, and get that straightened out.

KUEHNER brought two manila envelopes of KLAN LITERATURE along, and turned it over to ROTHROTH, who was heard to be starting to become active again in DAVIE, FLA. He was heard to have said at the last meeting of the Unit, that he had TEN(10) MEN ready to be sworn in.

The meeting lasted about 2 hours, and by ~~11~~¹⁰ 10:00 PM all the men had left the building that they were meeting in.

5/16/67

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)

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For the information of Charlotte, there is no Grand Dragon in the State of Florida. Florida has been divided into four provinces with a Titan as the individual in charge of the province. Province No. 1 covers the Miami Division and the Titan is SAM MC BROOM, 232 S. W. 30th Street, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

There are no Imperial officers of the UKA in the Miami Division.

For the further information of Charlotte, the following are the current ECs of the active klaverns of the UKA in the Miami Division:

Klavern #6
FRED KUEHNER
Kuehner's Sign
Shop
860 E. Oakland Park Blvd.
Oakland Park, Fla.

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Klavern #14
LEON BLANTON
Leon's Shoe Shop
Miracle Plaza Shopping Center
Vero Beach, Fla.

Klavern #28
BURL HOLT
Holt's Catfish Restaurant
Okeechobee, Fla.

Klavern #29
WILBURN V. FINLEY, SR.
815½ E. Main Street
Pahokee, Fla.

Klavern #32
IVEY WALDRON, JR.
Route #2
Desota City, Fla.

DIRECTOR, FBI (174-223)
(157-9-4)

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SAC, BIRMINGHAM (174-56) (P)

CHARBON

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(ROBERT H. SHELTON)

Re Birmingham airtel to Bureau dated 3/30/67.

This is to advise that recent contacts with

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have determined that he does not have any additional toll call information available as yet concerning captioned matters. Referenced airtel set forth the problems and circumstances involved in instant matters.

As soon as additional information is furnished in regard to these cases by FOIA(b)(7) - (D) or other appropriate officials, the results will be furnished the Bureau and interested offices.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8-64)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-1559) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

On 5/16/67 [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] advised that a rally held by the UKA at Orlando, Fla. on 5/13/67 was so poorly planned and so unsuccessful that it resulted in embarrassment to UKA members. During the night of 5/16/67 [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]

[FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] (Phonetic), members of the Orlando, Fla. Klavern of the UKA, regarding the rally.

They felt that EDWARD S. JONES, EC of the Orlando Klavern, was the individual responsible for the poorly planned rally and therefore responsible for the general dis-satisfaction of Klan members regarding the rally.

[FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]

Bureau authority is requested to have [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] build up the feeling of antagonism toward JONES because of the poor

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showing at the rally as a means of harassing the Orlando Klavern. This harassment will be continued until such time as JONES is removed by the Klavern as their EC, at which time efforts will be made to have

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Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau 5/8/67, and myairtel to Charlotte 5/16/67, captioned as above.

The latter communication set forth identities and addresses of Klan officials residing within the Miami Division.

Charlotte suggests in referenced Charlotte communication that if the Bureau approves the sending of certain disruptive letters to Klan officials, that they be mailed from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Charlotte explains that in this way, [REDACTED]

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Miami feels that the mailing of these letters from Ft. Lauderdale may in some way jeopardize these informants as the source of the spurious letters.

As an alternative, it is pointed out that Titusville, Fla., is the location of the former headquarters of the state organization of the UKA in Fla., and may be a logical place from which to mail the letters, particularly since it is also the home of BOYD HANBY, the former Grand Dragon, who has been critical of SHELTON and who has close ties with the North Carolina organization.

Tampa's comments in this regard would be most pertinent.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

IR Youths Cited In Fiery Cross

VERO BEACH — Four Indian River County youths were arrested in Melbourne Tuesday night on charges of disorderly conduct and conspiracy for allegedly burning an 8-foot cross in front of a Negro night club, it was learned today.

The four, James Blanton, 21, son of Leon Blanton, Indian River County Ku Klux Klan head and high state official of the United Klans; J. D. Hamlin, James Melvin Jones, 18, and Charles Haven, were bonded out of the Melbourne city jail by Leon Blanton.

The cross reportedly was burned on the median strip of U.S. 1 and Line Street, the main street in Melbourne's Negro section in front of the "Tiki Room."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Page 1
"The News Tribune"
Ft. Pierce, Fla.

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5/23/67

Airtel

**To: SACs, Birmingham (174-56)
Charlotte (174-223)**

From: Director, FBI (174-59)

**CHARBOM
(OO: CE)**

Reference is made to Birmingham letter to the Bureau, Charlotte, and Miami, 5/20/67, submitted under captions "CHARBOM" and "Counterintelligence Program, Internal Security, Disruption of Hate Groups, (Robert M. Shelton)."

It appears from a review of toll records submitted by Birmingham and Charlotte concerning calls placed by Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, Inc., KKKK, that all information of possible assistance in CHARBOM has been obtained and furnished to the Department and that additional records cannot logically be expected to be of further assistance in captioned matter.

Birmingham and Charlotte discontinue further efforts to obtain toll records from Shelton's phone. Instructions in this airtel pertain only to CHARBOM and in no way pertain to existing instructions in connection with the counterintelligence program.

① SAC, Miami (157-1114)

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, TAMPA (157-2969) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON
RM - KLAN
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WILLIAM RICHARDSON
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For the information of the Bureau, WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON was elected Great Titan, Province 3, UKA, Inc., KKKK, on 4/9/67. He is presently very active in organizing UKA activity in the province. Since January, 1967, RICHARDSON had been involved in a variety of situations all of which bear testimony to his total disrespect for law and order and his propensity for violence. Following are examples of his behavior since that time:

In early January, RICHARDSON became involved, and contributed too, a racial problem at the Royal Castle Restaurant in Titusville, Florida. The problem arose when the manager, JACOB JAMES FANA, aka Jake, began having difficulty with Negro patrons in the restaurant. FANA was fired from his position by the firm and promptly became a member of the Titusville Klavern. RICHARDSON and several members of the klavern frequented the restaurant several evenings hoping to catch Negroes in the restaurant. Prompt and decisive action by the Titusville Police Department averted any problems. Since that time FANA and RICHARDSON

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have become close associates. At about the same time, FAMA's wife, a grocery store clerk, was robbed at gunpoint by an unknown Negro. At the trial of the accused Negro, RICHARDSON and other klansmen sat in the courtroom and made derogatory remarks about Negroes throughout the trial. According to persons present at the trial the comments were audible throughout the room. When the Negro was acquitted, their comments were particularly vicious, but were ignored by the presiding judge.

In a later trial involving a complaint by a Negro that a prominent wife of a Titusville contractor had threatened him with a gun while he was driving around her neighborhood, Mrs. LILUANA RICHARDSON and ELEANOR KORNEGAY LOCKAMY, sister of the Virginia Grand Dragon, both gave testimony which placed the women in another part of town when the alleged incident took place. The woman was acquitted. TOM STROUD, County Solicitor has advised that although he has no proof.

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In March, 1967, Mrs. RICHARDSON was arrested by the Haines City PD for carrying a concealed weapon. The arrest followed a disturbance at a Haines City restaurant caused by JAKE FAMA after he alleged that a Negro had tried to run him down in a car. BILL RICHARDSON was present during the incident. The charges were thrown out of court because of an invalid search.

On April 8, 1967 RICHARDSON and six other klansmen were arrested in Plant City, Florida for attempting to incite a riot and vagrancy. This incident arose after RICHARDSON had been denied a parade permit by the city and he threatened to march through the city anyway. They are appealing their conviction on the above charges at the present time.

In May, 1967 HAROLD WAYNE MURRAY and CHARLES FAY GREEN, 20 and 18 years respectfully, entered a plea of guilty in the Court of Record, Titusville to charges arising out of a racial matter at the Royal Castle Restaurant on March 1, 1967. Again, no proof exists, but it is logical to assume that it was the corrupting influence of RICHARDSON and FAMA that caused the incident. MURRAY was a member of the Titusville Klavern at the time of the incident.

On 5/5/67 RICHARDSON was arrested by Brevard County SO Deputy EARL FUTCH for speeding. On 5/8/67 a cross was burned in the front yard of the FUTCH home. Investigation by the Brevard County SO and FBI indicate that RICHARDSON and WILLIAM ALLEN, a Titusville Klavern member, were responsible for the incident.

Informants have reported on many occasions that RICHARDSON, JAKE FANA, and JACK EDWARD BENNETT, a close associate of RICHARDSON and former R(PROB) of the Jacksonville Division carry weapons, either on their person or in their automobiles.

In view of the above incidents, Tampa suggests that a vigorous counterintelligence program against RICHARDSON be initiated at this time in an effort to remove him from a position of influence in the klan. It is further suggested that a code name be given to this objective and a separate file be opened, inasmuch as it is expected that Jacksonville and Miami may be of assistance in this matter.

To begin such a program, Tampa suggests that a newspaper article entitled "Portrait of a Klansman" be carried in The Orlando Sentinel newspaper, circulation 120,000 in Central Florida. JACK RAYMOND, Assistant Managing Editor, Brevard Section, Orlando Sentinel, has previously advised that he would be more than willing to assign a reporter to such a story. RAYMOND has been cooperative with the Bureau in the past in this regard and the Bureau can be assured that RAYMOND will not divulge the source of his information. Tampa contemplates only furnishing RAYMOND with RICHARDSON's name, address, occupation, klan position, time and place of his arrests or involvement in racial situations. In addition Tampa will furnish the date and number of RICHARDSON's wife's divorce complaint, filed last year. The above information will give RAYMOND sufficient lead material to develop a story regarding RICHARDSON which by any standards will be damaging to him and the klan.

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If the story is successful Tampa will follow with additional counterintelligence suggestions designed to impliment the article further.

Bureau authority for the above suggestions requested.

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To: SAC, Tampa (157-1559)
From: Director, FBI (157-9-64)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

ReTPairtel 5/17/67.

Authority granted, as requested in referenced airtel, to have

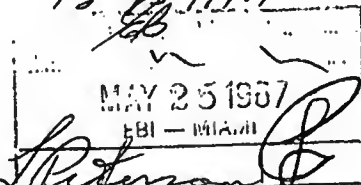
FOIA(b)(7) - (D) toward Edward H. Jones, Exalted Cyclops of the Orlando, Florida, Klavern, United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, because of the poor showing at the rally held on 5/13/67. This counter-intelligence technique is approved in an effort to have Jones removed from the position of Exalted Cyclops in order that efforts can be made to have

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To: SAC, Charlotte (157-281)

From: Director, FBI (157-9-8)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
NORTH CAROLINA)

ReCEairtel 5/9/67.

Authority granted for the Charlotte Office to prepare a letter on the letterhead captioned "National Intelligence Committee of the United Klans of America, Inc. 'NKC'" and to send a copy of this letter to all Imperial Officers and Grand Dragons in the United Klans of America, Inc., (UKA), Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, as set forth in referenced airtel.

The Bureau, however, desires to make some suggestions with regard to the approach which should be taken in composing this "intelligence report." While the criticism should definitely be leveled against Imperial Wizard Shelton and Grand Dragon Jones, it should not look as though the "National Intelligence Committee" is a

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The idea should be put across that this is a legitimate Committee whose primary aim is to unite the Klan and to expose wrongdoing. The wrongdoings of Jones and Shelton should be emphasized and exposed primarily, but Dorsett should not go uncriticized.

If you believe it is favorable, we can use the "National Intelligence Committee" for further exposes and there should be some indication in your initial report that the Committee intends to continue its work and other reports will be forthcoming. In this way, an "intelligence report" can be composed and circulated at any time when the Bureau feels it will add to dissension within the Klan.

As requested by Charlotte, recipient offices are instructed to submit the addresses of the Imperial Officers and Grand Dragons in their territories to Charlotte promptly.

Charlotte, after the preparation of this letter, should arrange for appropriate mailing.

Insure that Bureau interests are protected and that full security is given this operation. Advise the Bureau of any tangible results and be alert for follow-up counterintelligence action.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-1559) (P)

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(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.)
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ReTPairtel and LHM to Bureau, 5/17/67, entitled
"UEA, INC., KKKK" (Cross Burning at Tiki Club, Melbourne,
Fla., 5/16/67).

For information of the Bureau, since the arrest
of four members of the UEA, Vero Beach Klavern, on 5/16/67,
in Melbourne, Fla., after they had burned a cross in front
of the Tiki Club, the Tampa Division has been presented
with the unique opportunity to destroy an entire klavern of
the UEA through counterintelligence actions.

After the arrest of the four Klansmen, it was
apparent to all concerned that the arrest of the Klansmen
in the act of burning a cross had been well planned by the
Melbourne PD and that they must have received a tip that a
cross was to be burned. It was also apparent that the tip
had come from a member of the Eau Gallie Klavern. As a
result, the Vero Beach members were furious over their
arrest and the impending loss of \$348.00 that was put up
in bond to free them from jail. Both [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]
have advised that NORMAN CARTER, Kialix, Province 93,
and Exalted Cyclops of the Eau Gallie Klavern, was the only
person in the klavern who knew the exact place that the
cross was to be burned. Consequently, it was suspected
that he was the informant. Both [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]
were absolved of any responsibility for the incident because
the other members knew that they did not know where the

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cross was to be burned. In addition to CARTER, DICK HUDSON, a newer member of the Klavern, was suspected of being an informant because he had left town on 5/16/67 and was not present when the cross was burned.

At the insistence of [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] members of the Vero Beach Klavern, WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON called a meeting of UKA members on 5/18/67.

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RICHARDSON and his sidekick, JACK EDWARD BENNETT, more or less terrorized CARTER and HUDSON with their hollow threats of exposing the informant in the Klavern and their exhibition of the firearms that they carried. [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] advised that several times during the meeting BENNETT was waving a .38 pistol in front of the members' faces. Although not directly accused of being informants, CARTER and HUDSON were visibly shaken during the meeting.

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As a result of the unfavorable publicity in the newspapers regarding the cross burning incident, the Palm Bay City Council refused to grant the Melbourne Klavern a parade permit and permit to burn a cross as their planned rally on 5/20/67. The vote was unanimous and RICHARDSON had advised HOMER CANADA on 5/18/67, that if the City Council did turn him down on his request for a parade permit that he was not to disobey the City Council.

On 5/19/67, NORMAN CARTER called the Cocoa Resident Agency and requested to speak with an Agent. CARTER was interviewed and he advised that he had been wrong to have a cross burned in front of the Tiki Club on 5/16/67, and expressed concern that the Melbourne PD was going to charge the four Klansmen with the specific Florida statute which forbids cross burnings, instead of merely disorderly conduct. If so, the fine would be \$500 or 90 days, or both. CARTER implored the interviewing agent to see that this was not done, but was given no satisfaction. He further advised that the Klansmen were willing to forfeit the bond that they had

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already put up, but could not afford the larger fine and possible jail sentence. CARTER was advised by the agent that this was a matter over which the FBI had neither jurisdiction nor interest. During the interview CARTER advised that he had finally become fairly disgusted with the Klan and advised that he would be submitting his resignation as Exalted Cyclops and Klaliff immediately. It was apparent that CARTER was afraid of RICHARDSON and also afraid that continued publicity would force the Grant Corporation to cancel his lease for the jewelry shop that he operated in their Melbourne store. CARTER indicated that if this were to happen, he would be bankrupt within one week. It appeared as if CARTER were sincere in his intention to resign from the UKA.

Bureau authority is requested for the following counterintelligence proposals that Tampa believes will cause the Eau Gallie Klavern to disband:

1. To conduct interviews with DICK HUDSON and COLEMAN DICKSON, both members of the Eau Gallie Klavern, in the near future regarding their participation in the cross burning incident at the Tiki Club. It is known, FOIA(b)(7) - (D) that both helped construct the cross that was burned. FOIA(b)(7) - (D) It is felt that the interviews with HUDSON and DICKSON will result in their resignations from the UKA. HUDSON is presently afraid of RICHARDSON and the additional fear of being exposed as a member of the Klan should be sufficient to cause his resignation. DICKSON has always expressed a fear of the FBI to informants due to the fact that he does some painting contract work at Patrick Air Force Base and is afraid that the FBI will cause him to lose this work. A deterrent interview with DICKSON, playing on this fear, should cause his resignation. Additional interviews with CARTER will also be necessary to insure that he does not forget to submit his resignation from the UKA.

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AIR MAIL REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-64)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-1559) (P)

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
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For information of Bureau, for the next 30 days, WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON, Titan, Province Three and JACK EDWARD BENNETT, will be going from Titusville, Florida to Eau Gallie to attend meetings of the Eau Gallie Klavern. In addition, they will probably be accompanied by JACOB JAMES FAMA. If they follow their usual habits they will all be armed with pistols. Captain TOM MC CARTHY, Eau Gallie PD, has advised that his department will gladly stop the above individuals and attempt to effect an arrest on a concealed weapons charge, traffic violation, or disorderly conduct. Blame for the arrest will be placed on the Vero Beach Klavern members, who were recently arrested in Melbourne, Fla. for a cross burning, after the Melbourne Police allegedly received a tip from a member of the Eau Gallie Klavern. To effect this blame, a teletype will be sent to the Eau Gallie PD from the Vero Beach SO advising them to be on the lookout for a 1965 Maroon over white automobile, with three men, which was believed to have been stolen. This teletype will give cause to the Eau Gallie Police to stop and search RICHARDSON and the others and will also shift blame to Vero Beach members when shown to RICHARDSON after the arrest.

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There will be absolutely no mention of the Bureau in this matter and no possibility of embarrassment to the Bureau.

Bureau authority is requested to impliment the above proposal on May 30, 1967 and/or a subsequent meeting night.

Miami submit views on above proposal.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-1539) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UEA, INC., HXKK, FLORIDA)

ReTPairtel to Bureau, 5/22/67.

On 5/23/67, members of the Eau Gallie, Titusville, Melbourne and Vero Beach Klaverns met with Great Titan Bill RICHARDSON in Eau Gallie, Fla. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss UEA problems in the aftermath of the cross burning incident in front of the Tiki Club, Melbourne, Fla., 5/16/67.

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and continued argument was over RICHARDSON's manner of handling Province #3 matters.

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Ran Gallie Klavern is on the verge of dissolution. During the meeting, NORMAN CARTER told those present that he would like to step down as EC and COLEMAN DICESON, Klaves, submitted a letter resigning from the URA. RICHARDSON talked both into staying with the URA for a short period of time.

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Tampa will be alert for any counterintelligence potential in this situation and will promptly advise the Bureau and other offices of any specific proposals.

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114)(P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UKA, INC., KKKK, FLORIDA)

Re Tampa airtel to Bureau, 5/25/67.

The CIP suggestion set forth in Tampa airtel, referenced above, has potential; however, Miami is of the opinion that sending a teletype by the Vero Beach SO to the Eau Gallie PD could be the source of embarrassment to the Bureau at some future date, possibly as a result of prosecution. In this regard, it is noted that an official of the Vero Beach PD is a relative of the EC of the Vero Beach Klavern and some other individuals in local police agencies involved may be sympathetic toward the Klan, making it extremely dangerous to execute the CIP measure suggested by Tampa.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)
RE: DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.)
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

Re Tampa airtel to Bureau 5/22/67.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D) advised on 5/27/67, as follows:

At a regular informal meeting of the Vero Beach Klavern, UKA, Vero Beach, Fla., on 5/22/67, LEON BLANTON, Exalted Cyclops, stated there must be a "pimp" in the Eau Gallie Klavern, UKA, because nobody knew about the proposed Melbourne cross-burning except Eau Gallie men. He said the Eau Gallie "pimp" must have told the FBI who tipped off the Melbourne Police. BLANTON said he planned to meet with the Eau Gallie Klavern on 5/21/67, but the meeting was canceled.

BLANTON said MELVIN JONES' parents were giving JONES a "hard time" about the arrest. BLANTON said in the future when any new members are under 21 he will go to the parents and get the parents to sign a paper that the Klan would not be responsible for any trouble the boy got into.

BLANTON said he had contacted J. B. STONER, and STONER had advised that the bonds at Melbourne be forfeited. He said the charge "conspiracy" could mean many things.

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On 5/27/67, FOIA(b)(7) - (D) further advised that on 5/24/67, LEON BLANTON and J. W. HAMBLIN went to a meeting of the Eau Gallie Klavern, UKA. The purpose of going was to determine where the \$848 bond money for Vero Beach Klansmen was coming from, and also to discuss how the information got to the Melbourne Police concerning the proposed cross burning.

BLANTON and HAMBLIN reportedly had car trouble in Eau Gallie and were met at a service station by BOB ROACHE. ROACHE took them to the Eau Gallie Klavern meeting and dropped them off as ROACHE has reportedly resigned.

Approximately 11 Klansmen were present, including NORMAN CARTER and BILL RICHARDSON. Three guns were observed. RICHARDSON had what appeared to be a .38 caliber revolver on a table, another man had what appeared to be a .38 caliber revolver in his lap and a third had what appeared to be a .25 caliber revolver lying on the bench beside him. LEON BLANTON was also wearing a .25 caliber revolver in his belt.

BLANTON asked why so many Eau Gallie Klansmen knew about the Melbourne cross burning when only one or two were to have known about it. CARTER said only one or two were to have known but that a meeting was canceled, all members were not advised and several appeared at the meeting place and saw the cross.

BLANTON said his main reason for coming up was to inquire where the \$848 bond money was coming from. BLANTON said he had already spent \$500 towards BOYD HAMBY's car and with the bond money and other Klan expenses he now has approximately \$1500 invested in the Klan and cannot afford any more.

RICHARDSON said he thought each of the 11 Eau Gallie Klansmen could pledge \$100. One man said he could pledge \$100 but would have to pay \$10 a week. Finally two pledged \$100 each and one \$50 to be paid at \$10 per week.

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A collection was taken and \$38 turned over to BLANTON. RICHARDSON is to contact the other Titans in the State to see how much money could be raised.

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CARTERS stated the Eau Gallie Klavern asked him to resign; however, he told them when he was ready to resign it would be on his own.

An article appearing in the Indian River County edition of the "Miami Herald" on 5/24/67, captioned "Four Forfeit Bonds in Cross Case," reflected in part as follows:

Four Indian River County men charged with burning a cross in front of a Melbourne nightclub forfeited their bonds in Melbourne City Court Monday Night.

"*They didn't want any more publicity over the matter so they decided to drop it,* LEON BLANTON, local Ku Klux Klan head and the man who posted bond for the four men said."

The article indicated the four stated they were innocent of the charges..

Miami will keep Bureau and Tampa advised of any further developments in this matter.

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To: SAC, Tampa (157-1559)
From: Director, FBI (157-9-64)

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(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)

ReTPairtel 5/24/67 and Bureau teletype to Tampa
5/26/67.

Authority not granted to implement the plan to attempt the arrest of William H. Richardson, Jack Edward Bennett or others, through the cooperation of local police as requested in reTPairtel.

Based on a prior court decision this type of arrest has been found to constitute an illegal search and seizure. The appellate court in May, 1967, reversed the conviction and three-year prison sentence of Charles B. (Rip) Riddlehoover, Grand Dragon, United Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Florida, for illegal possession of firearms.

The Third District Court of Appeals found "It is evident that the pretext of a minor traffic violation was used to stop and search (a car in which Riddlehoover was riding) without a search warrant" and stated "where the primary purpose of an arrest appears to have been a pretext for making an unrelated, exploratory search of the defendant or his car, the search is not justified."

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Airtel to SAC, Tampa
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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Your interest in submitting this counterintelligence recommendation is appreciated. You should remain alert for future counterintelligence possibilities. You are reminded that while you should be alert to furnish information to local authorities involving local violations, you should not under any circumstances, become a part of an illegal conspiracy.

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Airtel

To: SAC, Tampa (157-1559)
From: Director, FBI (157-9-64)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
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(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)

ReTPairtel 5/22/67.

Authority granted to conduct interviews with
Dick Hudson and Coleman Dickson of the Eau Gallie Klavern
in an effort to cause them to resign from the UKA, Inc.,
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI (157-1468)

FROM : SA LEONARD C. PETERSON

SUBJECT: LEON S. FLYNN
RM - KLAN

DATE: 6/1/67

On 5/29/67, Mrs. LOU DEMAREST, formerly of 1624 N. W. 15th Place, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and a former neighbor of subject, telephonically advised as follows:

On the evening of 5/26/67, she received an anonymous telephone call from an unknown white male, who requested she meet him at the Crossroads Bar, Highways 441 and 84, Broward County, Florida. This individual stated he had seen her, that he was from Texas and referred to her by her first name. She informed this individual to call back in 45 minutes and she could see him. Immediately upon receiving the call, she notified the BCSO, who sent an officer to her residence who was there when three additional calls were received from this individual. The individual made no threats, but did proposition her. The call was traced by local authorities to a telephone booth near the Crossroads Bar and FLYNN was arrested while making the telephone call to her and was charged by the BCSO with making an obscene call and failure to register under the Criminal Registration Act. Bond was set at \$1,500 for failure to Register, \$500 for the obscene phone call and a previous bond of \$1,000 was lifted by the bondsman. This individual, who has been identified as LEON FLYNN, is presently in the Broward Co. Jail under \$3,000 bond.

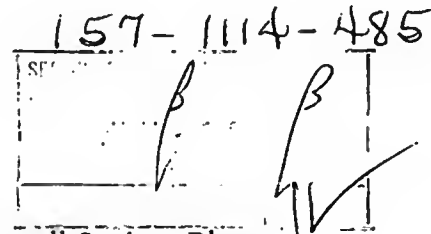
It is suggested the records of the BCSO be checked for verification of this information and for possible use in the counterintelligence program. In addition to the above information,

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SAC, BIRMINGHAM (174-56)(RUC)

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OO: Charlotte

Re Bureau airtel, 5/23/67.

Referenced communication instructed Birmingham and Charlotte to discontinue further efforts to obtain toll records from the phone of ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

At present, there are no outstanding leads in captioned matter in the Birmingham Division.

In view of above, this matter is being considered RUC.

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AIR MAIL REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-1539)

**COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UKA, INC. NORTH CAROLINA)**

Re Miami airtel to Bureau dated 5/19/67.

**Tampa imposes no objection to letters mentioned in
referenced airtel being mailed from Titusville, Florida.**

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(VERO BEACH KLAVERN, UKA,
MIA MI DIVISION;
MELBOURNE KLAVERN, UKA,
TAMPA DIVISION)

Enclosed for the Bureau and Tampa are two copies each of two newspaper articles, one of which appeared 5/24/67, in the "Miami Herald" captioned, "4 Forfeit Bonds in 'Cross' Case" and one from the "Press Journal, Vero Beach, Fla., 5/25/67, captioned "Charged with Cross-Burning Forfeit Bond."

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Imperial Intelligence Committee
of the
United Klans of America, Inc.

"NIC"

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June 5, 1967

MANDATE

To All Imperial Officers and Grand Dragons,
United Klans of America, Incorporated,
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan:

Pursuant to the power and authority vested in this committee as set forth in THE KLAN IN ACTION, this committee duly assembled for the purpose of inquiring into the current controversy existing in the Realm of North Carolina between North Carolina Grand Dragon J. R. Jones and Imperial Kludd Reverend George F. Dorsett. The following findings have been made:

1. Whereas, the Imperial Kludd, Rev. George F. Dorsett, has, as any other clansman, the right and obligation to appear before this committee to air any grievances which he may have concerning other clansmen or the administration of the klan, and having failed to do so is found to be delinquent and remiss, and is hereby officially reprimanded, and

2. Whereas, this committee, being the eyes and ears of the klan army, has, due to the seriousness of the charges alleged against North Carolina Grand Dragon J. R. Jones and Imperial Wizard Robert Shelton, conducted a complete and thorough examination of the charges, and

3. Whereas, the charges against the Grand Dragon, J. R. Jones relating to his personal misconduct, selfeasance in that he wrongfully used klan funds which were entrusted to him; and has failed and been delinquent in his proper administration of his high office

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in that he has neglected to visit the units and has failed to provide literature and klan material as prescribed, and

4. Whereas, on numerous occasions he has demonstrated his failure to abide by the provisions of the klan constitution, the foremost being his refusal to hold an election for the position of Grand Dragon of North Carolina prior to the expiration of his two-year term in February, 1967, and

5. Whereas, these charges having been duly considered and verified, this committee finds as a fact that North Carolina Grand Dragon J. R. Jones has been guilty of personal misconduct, malfeasance in office, and guilty of violating the klan constitution.

6. Unless this committee is effective, the best klan will grope and fail. Therefore, by virtue of the power and authority vested in this committee, J. R. Jones is hereby removed as Grand Dragon of the United Klans of America, Incorporated, for the Realm of North Carolina effective June 7, 1967, and divested of all power and privileges of his office. He is ordered to cease and desist exercising any of the powers of the office of Grand Dragon and is ordered to turn over all klan records, books, funds, property, and paraphernalia to the individual designated Grand Dragon hereinafter.

7. Whereas, the committee has found that the charges above against J. R. Jones have been brought to the attention of Imperial Wizard Robert M. Shelton on numerous occasions, and

8. Whereas, Imperial Wizard Robert M. Shelton failed to take any action to remedy this situation, this committee finds as a fact that the Imperial Wizard has been guilty of nonfeasance and remiss in his obligation, and

9. Whereas, the first and most essential duty of a leader is to know completely the situation in which he is to act and to know his enemies and the needs of the situation and the men whom he is to lead. Knowledge is power, and it is nowhere more truly powerful than in the hands of a leader. Therefore, Imperial Wizard Robert M. Shelton, having been found derelict and remiss in his duties as a leader, is hereby, by virtue of the power and authority vested in this committee, suspended as Imperial Wizard until further notice.

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered and decreed:

1. That Grand Klabee Fred Wilson, Realm of North Carolina, is ordered to assume the duties of Acting Grand Dragon in the Realm of North Carolina effective June 7, 1967, and is ordered to

personally take possession and secure all klan records, books, funds, property, and paraphernalia now in the possession of J. R. Jones.

2. That upon assuming the duties of the office of Grand Dragon in the Realm of North Carolina, Fred Wilson is hereby directed to immediately notify all units in the Realm of North Carolina of this action. He is ordered to establish a state office for the purpose of conducting all klan business within the Realm of North Carolina.

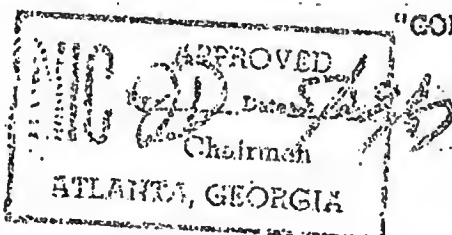
3. That Acting Grand Dragon Wilson is further ordered to schedule a state meeting as soon as possible, no later than August 1, 1967, for the purpose of holding an official election for the office of Grand Dragon for the Realm of North Carolina.

4. That all Imperial Officers and Grand Dragons receiving this letter will immediately reproduce copies of this letter and forward them immediately to the Exalted Cyclopes of their local klaverns within their respective Realms.

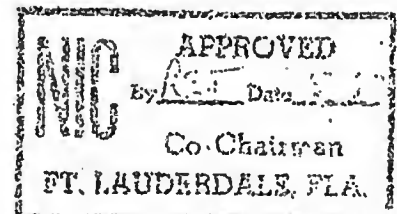
Upon receipt of this letter from the Imperial Officers and Grand Dragons, all local klaverns are directed and ordered that no further moneys or contributions in any fashion are to be directed to or sent to the North Carolina State Office or to the Imperial Office until ordered to do so by this committee.

5. That until an Imperial Klonvocation can be called, which will take place no later than September, 1967, the Imperial Kligrapp, Melvin Sexton, is ordered to assume the duties of Imperial Wizard, and is hereby granted and endowed with the powers and privileges of the office of Imperial Wizard, and is directed to conduct and carry out such duties and obligations befalling him in this position until such time as the suspension of Robert M. Shelton is duly removed by this committee.

Upon this committee depends the knowledge of enemies within and without and upon it rests the duty of furnishing the information upon which all plans must be based. Yet, its members work in the utmost secrecy and without open honor; therefore, we, the members of this committee, have hereunto this 5th day of June, 1967, affixed the official seal of this committee.



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
NORTH CAROLINA)

Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau, 5/9/67, and Bureau
airtel to Charlotte, 5/24/67.

RE: NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE
COMMITTEE OF UNITED KLANS
OF AMERICA, INC. (NIC)

Offices receiving this communication have previously
received referenced communications.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies, for Atlanta two copies, and for all other offices receiving this communication one copy, of a three-page letter prepared on letterhead of the National Intelligence Committee of United Klans of America, Inc., dated 6/5/67, which has been prepared in accordance with Bureau authority granted in reBuairtel.

Also enclosed for Atlanta are 28 stamped, addressed and sealed envelopes containing one copy of the enclosed letter.

Initially, it was felt that this letter would be mailed from Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; however, observations made by Miami in Miami airtel to the Bureau, 5/19/67, relating to the mailing from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., has been noted, and Charlotte feels that the mailing should be made from Atlanta, Georgia.

Atlanta is therefore requested to mail locally in Atlanta the 28 addressed envelopes enclosed containing the above referred to letter.

Atlanta is requested to assure that these letters are mailed on Monday, 6/5/67, it being noted that the letter is dated 6/5/67 and the effective date of the action set out therein is 6/7/67, which is expected to be the date of receipt for most of the addressees.

For the information of the Bureau and other offices receiving this communication, letters are being directed to the following Imperial Officers, Grand Dragons and Titans:

FRED L. WILSON
Grand Klabee
Salisbury, N. C.

GEORGE F. DORSETT
Former Imperial Kludd
Greensboro, N. C.

J. R. Jones
Grand Dragon
Granite Quarry, N. C.

Dr. AMOS E. PEDIGO
Imperial Night Hawk
Harriman, Tennessee

CALVIN F. CRAIG
Grand Dragon
Atlanta, Ga.

A. R. COLLINS, SR.
Imperial Klokard
Atlanta, Ga.

ROBERT M. SHELTON
Imperial Wizard
Northport, Ala.

Rev. JAMES HAROLD SPEARS
Imperial Kludd, and also
Grand Dragon
Decatur, Ala.

ROBERT E. SCOGGIN
Grand Dragon
Spartanburg, S. C.

PAUL MIMS
Titan
Bonifay, Fla.

WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON
Titan
Titusville, Fla.

CANNON O'DELL
Titan
Rockwell, N. C.

CARROLL MEDLIN
Titan
Lexington, N. C.

RAY E. THOMAS
Titan
Charlotte, N. C.

ROBERT L. THOMPSON
Imperial Klaliff
Mableton, Ga.

MARSHALL R. KORNEGAY
Grand Dragon
South Hill, Va.

MELVIN SEXTON
Imperial Kligrapp
Northport, Ala.

SAM MC BROOM
Titan
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

WALTER B. BROWN
Imperial Klarogo
Sumter, S. C.

JOHN PAUL ROGERS
Titans
Babson Park, Fla.

VERNON DOYLE ELLINGTON
Grand Dragon
Brownsville, Tenn.

GARLAND MARTIN
Titan
Reidsville, N. C.

R. L. RHYNE
Titan
McAdenville, N. C.

W. D. MORRISON
Titan
Fayetteville, N. C.

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E. J. MELVIN, JR.
Titan
Dudley, N. C.

WALTER MILLER
Titan
Wilson, N. C.

ROBERT E. HUDGINS
Titan
Cary, N. C.

WILLIAM TOLER, JR.
Titan
New Bern, N. C.

In accordance with Bureau authority granted in reBuairtel, Charlotte is requesting Atlanta to mail the enclosed envelopes on 6/5/67, and the Bureau has instructed that full security be given this operation and that any tangible results derived from this operation be reported, and all offices should remain alert for follow-up counterintelligence action in connection with this operation.

All offices receiving this communication are requested to advise the Bureau and Charlotte of any information received from informants and other sources following receipt of this letter by the addressees.

Charlotte is arranging for appropriate press announcements through FOIA(b)(7) - (D) the enclosed letter.

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RADIOGRAM

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-1559)

DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS (UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.)
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM.

FOR INFO OF BUREAU, WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON, GREAT TITAN,
PROVINCE THREE, WAS RECENTLY ARRESTED AT ST. CATHERINE, FLA.
FOR BEATING TWO TEENAGE BOYS. RESULTING STATEWIDE PUBLICITY
HAS CAUSED GREAT CONSTERNATION AMONG KLANSMEN IN FLA.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

RICHARDSON'S ARREST IN PLANT CITY, FLA., IN APRIL,
SIXTY SEVEN, HIS INVOLVEMENT IN CROSS BURNING IN FRONT OF
POLICEMAN'S HOME, ARRESTS OF FOUR VERO BEACH KLANSMEN IN
MELBOURNE, FLA., TWO WEEKS AGO AND RICHARDSON'S SUBSEQUENT
TERRORIZATION OF EAU GALLIE KLAVERN, AND FINALLY HIS INVOLVE-
MENT IN ST. CATHERINE BEATING.

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TAMPA SUGGESTS SHELTON

COULD BE FORCED TO REMOVE RICHARDSON FROM OFFICE, WHICH WILL
UNDOUBTEDLY CAUSE TITUSVILLE KLAVERN TO DISBAND AND SHOULD END
ACTS OF VIOLENCE IN FLA. BY RICHARDSON. BUREAU AUTHORITY
REQUESTED BY TELETYPE.

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Method of delivery (check appropriate blocks) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in person <input type="checkbox"/> by telephone <input type="checkbox"/> by mail <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> orally <input type="checkbox"/> recording device <input type="checkbox"/> written by Informant		
If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date Dictated 5/8/67 to dictaphone Transcribed 5/12/67 Authenticated by Informant 5/18/67		Date of Report 5/5/67 Date(s) of activity 5/3/67
Brief description of activity or material ROBERT SHELTON has his WATS line converted to "Registered Time" to cut-down on overhead expenses.		File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
Remarks: Copies: 2 - Birmingham (105-722) (RM) Miami copies: 1 - 157-514 (UKA) ① - 157-1114 (CIP) 1 - FOIA(b) (7) - (D) 1 - 157-1698 (Klavern #29) 1 - 157-1707 (KEEN) WDN: jgm (8)		

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Fort Lauderdale, Florida
May 5, 1967

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Mrs. SEXTON stated that starting on May 8, 1967, the Wats Telephone Service of the United Klans of America will go on registered time, that is any calls placed over 15 hours a month will have to be paid for separately.

She stated the reason the United Klans of America was switching to registered time on their wats line, was the fact that it was necessary to cut down on over-head expenses in order to buy printing equipment.

Mrs. SEXTON also mentioned that she had received several telephone calls from RICHARD KEEN requesting that a call be returned to him. Usually when the call was returned KEEN had moved to another telephone number and he could not be reached.

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

Rereps of SA HAROLD K. PARSON at Miami, 4/25/67 and 5/25/67, captioned "JOHN THOMAS BOWLES; FLOYD COLLINS LEITNER; CARL T. DURRANCE, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Okeechobee County, Fla. - VICTIM, PE - CRA-64; CR; CONSPIRACY."

Investigation has revealed that the Okissimnee Restaurant and Fishing Camp, Route #78 at the Kissimmee River, Okeechobee, Fla., is owned by U. S. Commissioner EDGAR G. HAMILTON, West Palm Beach, Fla. The business is operated by HAMILTON's sons.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D) advises that meetings of the Okeechobee Klavern, UKA, have been held in a back room of the Okissimnee Restaurant, each Monday night since early May, 1967. BURL HOLT, Owner, Holt's Restaurant, Okeechobee,

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(1 - 157-1863 BURL HOLT)

(1 - 157-552 FLOYD LEITNER)

(1 - 157-1451 Okeechobee Klavern)

(1 - 157-614 UKA)

(1 - 157-2072 DAVID JAN HAMILTON)

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former Exalted Cyclops of the Okeechobee Klavern, resigned from the KKK, destroyed the Okeechobee Klavern Charter and denied the KKK further use of his facilities after an attack on the Okeechobee School Superintendent outside his restaurant by JOHN BOWLES, an Okeechobee Klansman. Publicity regarding the attack caused serious economic damage to HOLT's business. Until this time, Klan meetings were held at the rear of Holt's Restaurant.

Investigation into the attack on Okeechobee School Superintendent CARL DURRANCE revealed that DAVID JAN HAMILTON, a son of U. S. Commissioner HAMILTON, accompanied FLOYD LEITNER to Holt's Restaurant on the night of the attack on DURRANCE. LEITNER is a member of the Okeechobee Klavern and reportedly assisted BOWLES by holding DURRANCE's wife and daughter while BOWLES assaulted DURRANCE. [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] advises that JAN HAMILTON was a prospective member of the Okeechobee Klavern.

[FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] advise that Okeechobee Klansmen intend to testify at the county trial that the school superintendent attacked BOWLES and BOWLES was simply defending himself.

When interviewed, DAVID JAN HAMILTON advised Bureau Agents of substantially the same information as obtained from Klansmen; that DURRANCE initiated the fight.

It is to be noted that DURRANCE, his wife and daughter all state that BOWLES struck DURRANCE after a short exchange of words.

Bureau Agents having dealings with U. S. Commissioner EDGAR HAMILTON, state that he is one for strict interpretation of the law as well as following the letter of the law. They are of the opinion that he has no knowledge of KKK meetings being held in his place of business, of his son's plan to join the KKK after testifying in favor of JOHN BOWLES, nor of the possibility that JAN HAMILTON will apparently be perjuring himself on the witness stand. There is no doubt that he would be extremely upset and take immediate action in this regard.

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Bureau authority is requested to contact U. S. Commissioner HAMILTON, pointing out the above, and the effect a similar situation had on business at Holt's Restaurant. Authority is also requested to point out that his son apparently has plans to furnish what is believed to be false information, should he be subpoenaed to testify.

It is not felt that the above would cause any embarrassment to the Bureau.

It is to be noted that the local trial of BOWLES is set for 6/21/67.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-64)
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-1659) (P)

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DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UKA, INC., KKKK)

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Upon interview, DICK HUDSON and COLEMAN DICKSON,
members of the Eau Gallie Klavern, both advised that they
would not be attending any more UKA functions in the future
as they have both resigned from the UKA.

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[redacted] advised
on 6/5/67 that the Eau Gallie Klavern has been disbanded and
no further activities are scheduled. On 6/5/67, NORMAN CARTER,
Kliff and Exalted Cyclops, was reinterviewed and he advised
that he did not feel he could resign from the UKA at this time
because he was fearful that WILLIAM RICHARDSON, Great Titan,
would think that he was either an informant or was opposed
to RICHARDSON's rule. CARTER advised he was fearful RICHARDSON
would do harm to either him or his family and therefore he
had decided to stay in the UKA for another month or so.
CARTER acknowledged that the Eau Gallie Klavern was disbanded.

Tampa will continue to be alert for further
counterintelligence proposals and will advise.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY -
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UKA, INC., NORTH CAROLINA)

Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau, 5/31/67.

NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE OF UKA, INC.
(NIC)

On 6/8/67, [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] advised that Titan of Province #1, Realm of Florida, SAM MC BROOM of Ft. Lauderdale, received in the mail a copy of the NIC Bulletin dated 6/5/67, promulgating a removal of North Carolina Grand Dragon BOB JONES and a suspension of Imperial Wizard ROBERT M. SHELTON.

Klan officials immediately called a special meeting of Klan leaders to discuss the contents of this letter. During this meeting, MC BROOM placed a long distance call to the Imperial Offices in Tuscaloosa, Ala. MELVIN SEXTON, Imperial Secretary, stated he was aware of the circulation

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of this bulletin, which he described as completely fraudulent. He instructed the Titan to immediately mail the letter to him and not to show it to Klansmen who have not already viewed it.

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These informants advised that local Klansmen have speculated that the NIC Bulletin was prepared either by BOYD HAMBY, former Florida Grand Dragon in conjunction with the Reverend GEORGE DORSETT, or else it was prepared by "Jew organizations" and/or agencies of the Federal Government.

The expulsion of BOB JONES and the suspension of ROBERT SHELTON were given publicity on local television and radio stations in Miami, Fla.

It appears that the NIC Bulletin has created wide-spread confusion and disruption among Klan leaders. Additional tangible results will be furnished to the Bureau as they develop in this area.

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Greensboro, North Carolina
June 8, 1967

Esteemed Klansmen:

I have just received in the mail a letter from the National Intelligence Committee of UKA dated June 5, 1967. This letter reprimands me for the way I have gone about criticizing Mr. Shelton and Mr. Jones, and although I feel that I did the right thing, I accept this criticism as a good klansman.

I know that Mr. Jones will make every effort to discredit the letter from the National Intelligence Committee and will attempt to keep klan members from seeing this letter inasmuch as the committee has removed him as Grand Dragon, and has instructed that all of the units not send any money to him or to Mr. Shelton until this matter is cleared up. For this reason, I am sending a copy of the committee letter with this letter so that all of you will know exactly what has happened.

The committee has appointed Fred Wilson as Acting Grand Dragon, and although Mr. Wilson has been too close to Mr. Jones for several years, at least it is a step in the right direction.

The committee has criticized Mr. Jones for wrongfully using klan funds and for personal misconduct. I hear that Mr. Jones is still trying to use the klan for personal gain by having Joe Bryant mail out letters all over the state asking members to bring him expensive gifts for his new house which he admits the klan built for him.

All klansmen must strive to re-unite the klan and follow the orders which have been handed down to us and look forward to electing a new Grand Dragon who will have and keep the best interest of the klan foremost.

May God bless you and the organization. I remain yours in Christ.

Your Imperial Chaplain,

Rev. George F. D...
Rev. George F. D...
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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(UKA, INC., IN NORTH CAROLINA)

RE: NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE
COMMITTEE OF UNITED KLANS
OF AMERICA, INC. (NIC)

Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau dated 5/9/67, Bureau airtel to Charlotte dated 5/24/67, Charlotte airtel to Bureau dated 5/31/67, Atlanta airtels to Bureau dated 6/7/67, and 6/8/67, and Miami airtel to Bureau dated 6/9/67.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are three (3) copies of letter prepared by Charlotte on letterhead of the National Intelligence Committee of United Klans of America, Inc. (NIC) dated 6/5/67, to which letter is attached a cover letter prepared by Charlotte over the signature of Rev. GEORGE F. DORSETT dated 6/8/67; all other offices receiving this communication are being furnished one (1) copy of the DORSETT cover letter for information.

As the Bureau and other offices are aware, the NIC letter was mailed to selected Imperial Officers, selected Grand Dragons, and Titans of the UKA as set out in referenced Charlotte airtel to the Bureau dated 5/31/67. This letter was mailed by the Atlanta Division on the afternoon of 6/5/67, and a copy was received by [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] and was subsequently distributed by [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]

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Referenced communications from Atlanta and Miami indicated this operation has also received publicity in their respective territories, and referenced Miami airtel of 6/9/67, indicates that this NIC operation has created widespread confusion and disruption among the klan leaders.

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[FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] and the receipt of this letter by the Imperial Officers and Titans in North Carolina, as well as the general membership, which have been informed [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] has resulted in reported widespread confusion among the units in North Carolina.

At this time, full reports have not been received from all units in North Carolina, but the reports which are being received indicate that Imperial Wizard ROBERT M. SHELTON was extremely upset, JONES [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] that, "SHELTON is boiling over." [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] has reported that JONES is considerably upset, initially believing that this letter was

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prepared by Rev. GEORGE DORSETT, but after discussions with SHELTON has some misgivings that the letter may be the work of the Anti-Defamation League. JONES appears to believe that DORSETT is being backed by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and that DORSETT IS selling out the UKA to ADL.

The overall evaluation of this operation at the present time is that the results are exceeding the Charlotte Division's expectations insofar as fostering discontent, dissension, and confusion not only in the klan membership in general, but also throughout its leadership in North Carolina.

The following news articles appeared in the indicated papers on the dates indicated:

SALISBURY POST,
SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA

JUNE 8, 1967

Klan Group 'Ousts' Jones As Dragon

The state Ku Klux Klan shell has cracked again.

The Post learned today that the super secret KKK committee known as the "national intelligence committee" has booted out Grand Dragon Bob Jones and imperial wizard Robert Shelton.

According to the information, Salisbury drink stand operator Fred Wilson, the state treasurer of the hooded order, has been promoted to acting grand-dragon.

Neither Jones nor Wilson could be reached for comment on the report before noon today. Wilson is reportedly ill and was being treated by a doctor.

Just what authority the NIC has in the removal and appointment of Klan officers is not altogether clear. It is doubted that Jones will acknowledge its authority in this field.

But if it does have the authority — and the authority is accepted — it means a complete shake-up in the klan's top structure.

RUMORS DENIED

The rumors that Jones was to be removed from office have been rampant for some time. He has, of course, denied this.

The word of Jones disposal came from Atlanta, Ga., the headquarters of the klan's national intelligence committee

(NIC). A three page letter listing the charges against Jones and Shelton was signed only with the initials J.D. and R.E.T., the reported cochairmen of the group.

NIC is reportedly composed of some 250 klansmen from across the nation. It functions like a klan private detective agency. The policy of NIC is to operate in "upmost secrecy and without open honor." The members will not reveal their identities.

NIC is described by its members, the Post learned, as "the eyes and ears of the klan army".

NIC claims it has conducted a complete and thorough ex-

accusation of the charges against Jones and Shelton.

It accuses Jones of personal misconduct and malfeasance, and has been delinquent in that he has neglected to visit the units and provide literature and klan material. He is also accused of failure to abide by the Klan constitution, specifically by refusing to hold an election for his post.

NIC says it must be effective or even the best klan unit will grope and fail and therefore "by virtue of the power and authority vested in this committee" did "remove" Jones as of last night.

NIC has ordered Jones to "cease and desist exercising any of his powers as grand dragon and to turn over all klan records, books, funds, property, and paraphernalia".

The super secret unit said it was removing Shelton because the actions of Jones have been

brought to his attention and he did nothing to improve the situation. He was blamed for "nonfeasance and being remiss in his obligation."

NIC "appointed" Wilson as acting grand dragon, effective last night, and asked him to take personal possession of all records and funds. Wilson was asked to notify all units of the change in command and to call a state meeting as soon as possible, no later than Aug. 1.

George Dorsett, the Greensboro preacher who has been working to get rid of Jones when contacted today said he was pleased that Jones was ousted, but surprised that Wilson was named to replace him.

"I thought Wilson and Jones were friends," Dorsett said, "but I guess the committee felt Wilson knew more about the klan records than anyone else." Wilson has carried the title of klan treasurer since the organization was formed in Salisbury in 1963.

Dorsett's surprise, however, was not confined to the appointment of Wilson. Dorsett was also given a verbal tongue-lashing by the committee.

NIC maintains, according to Post information, that Dorsett has been "derelict and remiss and is hereby officially reprimanded" for failing to appear before NIC with his gripe against Jones. Dorsett said he was "a little disappointed" by this charge.

The klan's internal squabble came to light several months ago when Dorsett announced his campaign to remove Jones for misuse of funds. Shortly after Dorsett started his efforts, he was banished from the klan by Shelton.

Dorsett said the banishment was illegal under klan rules. Shelton and Jones said it was legal.

The Post checked into the financial structure of the state KKK and learned that the organization has a potential of raking in \$125,000 a year. Jones and his wife are paid approximately \$15,000 a year in salary.

NIC has no local branch, but does have branches in Greensboro, Kinston, Rocky Mount, Elizabeth City, Wilmington, Charlotte, and Raleigh. Branches are also in several other states.

Dorsett said today that NIC has the legal authority to remove Jones. Jones, however, is not expected to agree.

JUNE 9, 1967

Paper Says Klan Has Purged Jones, Shelton In Probe



Robert
Jones
He's Not
Talking

SALISBURY — (UPI) — A secret klan intelligence group has kicked Alabama's Robert Shelton and North Carolina's Robert Jones out of the United Klans of America, according to The Salisbury Post.

Shelton was imperial wizard, or head, of the United Klans, largely a Southern wing of the klan.

Jones was grand dragon, or head, of the N.C. unit.

The Post reported Thursday that Shelton was ousted when he refused to disown Jones.

Jones was ordered dismissed, the Post said, because of "personal misconduct and malfeasance."

The Post said the dismissals of both were ordered by the klan's National Intelligence Committee, a group of about 250 klansmen from throughout the nation.

The Post said the committee's action came after a recent meeting in Atlanta.

Jones acknowledged Thursday that he had received the

letter but said that there was nothing to it.

"There is no such organization as this," said Jones, commenting on the committee (NIC). Jones added he had never heard of the NIC and had no plan to surrender his title. He added he had talked with (Shelton, who was quoted as saying he also had never heard of NIC.

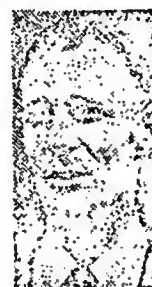
"I wasn't thrown in, and I won't be thrown out," said Jones in reference to the grand dragonship.

Asked if he planned to surrender his records, Jones laughed, saying he hadn't surrendered them to a congressional committee.

Shelton had asked that "all such letters be sent to him, and he is going to the postal authorities about it," he said.

According to the Post, the committee found that Jones had been delinquent in visiting klan klaverns (local units) and

Robert
Shelton
Imperial
Wizard
No More?



in providing klansmen with klan material.

It also found, the Post said, that Jones had failed to abide by klan law in refusing to hold a election for his post.

Jones and two other N.C. klansmen, former state chaplain George Dorsett of Greensboro and James (Catfish) Cole, recently parted company over the dragon's failure to call an election.

As a result, Jones kicked Dorsett and Cole out of the N.C. klan, and they proceeded to organize a rival group.

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Craig said Dorsett and another man banished from the Klan "thought up the name" NIC.

"Robert Jones is still 100 per cent the grand dragon of North Carolina and Robert Shelton is still 100 per cent the imperial wizard of the Klan," Craig said.

JUNE 9, 1967

Klan Head Scoffs At 'Suspension'

SALISBURY (AP) — The North Carolina grand dragon of United Klans of America Inc. has been notified by "the National Intelligence Committee" (NIC) of the UKA Inc. he has been suspended from office, but he scoffs at it.

J. Robert Jones of Granite Quarry, the grand dragon, said "There is no such organization as this (NIC)."

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which said it obtained the

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It added that Fred Wilson of Salisbury, state treasurer, would assume the duties of acting grand dragon and that the imperial kligrapp, Melvin Sexton, would assume Shelton's duties.

In Greensboro, the Rev. George Dorsett, the kludd (chaplain) in North Carolina, who recently was reported by Jones to have been dismissed, said yesterday he was pleased Jones was suspended.

BUT in Atlanta, Georgia Grand Dragon Calvin Craig said NIC was "purely a fictitious name. There's no such division in the organization." Craig said Dorsett and another man banished from the Klan "thought up the name" NIC.

Craig added: "Robert Jones is still 100 per cent the grand dragon of North Carolina and Robert Shelton is still 100 per cent the imperial wizard of the Klan." Craig said he did not know what the initials "J.D." and "R.E.T." meant.

Jones said he had never heard of the NIC and had no plan to surrender his office or records.

Referring to the grand dragonship, Jones said: "I won't be thrown out."

CHARLOTTE OBSERVER
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

JUNE 10, 1967

Rules Say Klan Can Fire Jones, Shelton

RALEIGH — (UPI) — The National Intelligence Committee which suspended Imperial Wizard Robert Shelton and Grand Dragon Robert Jones is founded in the Ku Klux Klan constitution and clearly has this power, it was confirmed Friday.

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The faction, which includes a number of christian ministers, wants to clean out klan bigwigs using their forces for personal financial gain.

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The sources said the dissension within the UKA has been going on for four or five months. One source described it as "a hell of an internal fight."

RALEIGH NEWS AND OBSERVER
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

JUNE 9, 1967

Raleigh, N. C., Friday, June 9, 1967
Jones, Shelton in Distavor

Klan Chiefs Said Ousted

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In an exclusive but unsigned front page report, the Post said the NIC, described as a type of "private detective agency" which acts as the "eyes and ears of the Klan," took the action at a recent meeting in Atlanta.

Georgia Grand Dragon Calvin Craig of Atlanta denied the report and said the Klan does not have an official intelligence organization.

According to the Post, the NIC urged Imperial Wizard Robert Shelton of Tuscaloosa, Ala. to fire North Carolina Klan Grand Dragon J. Robert Jones of Granite Quarry but when Shelton balked at firing

Jones, both Klansmen were stripped of their titles.

Jones said at Granite Quarry that he had received a letter notifying him he had been suspended, but he said there was nothing to it.

Jones said "there is no such organization" as the National Intelligence Committee of the Klan. He added he had talked to Shelton, who was quoted as saying he also had never heard of NIC.

"I wasn't thrown in, and I won't be thrown out," said Jones in reference to the grand dragonship.

The Post said it had learned the NIC, reportedly composed of about 250 Klansmen from throughout the nation, issued a three page statement charging Jones with "personal misconduct and malfeasance."

The statement also reportedly charged Jones was delinquent in visiting Klan

klaverns and in providing Klansmen with Klan material.

The statement added, the Post said, that Jones failed to abide by the Klan constitution, specifically by refusing to hold an election for his post.

It did not elaborate concerning Shelton or a successor to the wizard but said Jones was to temporarily be succeeded by Fred Wilson, who operates a drink stand here and who has been treasurer of the state Klan since 1953. Wilson also could not be reached to confirm or deny the story.

George Dorsett of Greensboro, a former UKA chaplain who recently was stripped of his Klan membership in a feud within the State Klan ranks, said the NIC does have

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the authority to take the actions described by the Post.

Dorsett added that he was surprised Wilson was named acting dragon because he thought Wilson and Jones were close friends.

Jones reportedly has been ordered to turn in all Klan materials and Klan property in his possession.

If true, the actions mark a major shakeup in the State Klan, which has experienced increasing dissension in recent months.

The Post said Wilson was ordered by the NIC to call a statewide meeting no later than Aug. 1, presumably to take steps toward finding a new state grand dragon.

JUNE 10, 1967

'Kick-Em-Out' Krew in Klan Konstitution

By RICHARD W. HATCH
United Press International

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The sources, who have informants in the KKK, said the feeling was the dismissal of Jones and Shelton will probably lead to a split in the United Klans of America, with Jones and Shelton setting up a splinter group as has often happened in the past.

The sources said the dissension within the United Klans of America has been going on for four or five months. One source described it as "a hell of an internal fight."

The NIC met in Atlanta Monday and voted to suspend Jones and Shelton. They were not banished from the Klan, merely stripped of their jobs.

A letter notifying Klansmen of the action was mailed to Klansmen from Atlanta Tuesday.

The letter said the committee found Jones "is guilty of personal misconduct, of malfeasance in office, and of violating the Klan constitution." The letter said Shelton had been found "derelict and remiss in his duties as a leader" and was suspended until further notice. Apparently, the action against Shelton was because he refused to move against Jones.

The NIC also reprimanded the Rev. George Dorsett, who was banished by Jones and Shelton. The NIC found he was "derelict" in his duty as grand kludd, or chaplain. The action apparently was taken because

Dorsett failed to take his complaints to the Klan, but aired them publicly.

The reprimand, however, was a back-handed vindication for Dorsett. Apparently the action which suspended Shelton and Jones meant their banishment of Dorsett was voided.

The NIC said Shelton has been replaced as Imperial Wizard by Melvin Sexton, former imperial kligrapp (national secretary). Fred Wilson of Salisbury has been named acting grand dragon for North Carolina. The NIC ordered him to hold a State meeting "no later than Aug. 1, 1967" to select a permanent dragon.

Jones and Shelton both said they had never heard of the National Intelligence Committee and denied they were ousted. Jones said he has no intention of surrendering his title. "I was not thrown into the Klan and I am not going to be thrown out," Jones said.

Both indicated they will challenge the legality of the ouster moves which could mean they are forming a splinter group.

JUNE 9, 1967

Shelton And Jones

Two Klan Officials Ousted, Letter To Dorsett Reports

BY ROBERT M. AUMAN
Daily News Staff Writer

The Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America Inc. and the North Carolina Klan Grand Dragon have been ousted by the Klan's National Intelligence Committee, it was learned Thursday.

According to a letter received from the NIC by the Rev. George F. Dorsett of Greensboro, Robert Shelton has been replaced as Imperial

Wizard by Melvin Sexton, former Imperial Kligrapp (national secretary). Shelton and Sexton are from Tuscaloosa, Ala.

The letter also said that Fred Wilson of Salisbury has been named acting Grand Dragon of the North Carolina Klan to replace J. Robert Jones of Granite Quarry. Wilson formerly was the Tar Heel Klan's Klabee (treasurer).

THE COMMITTEE also gave Dorsett an official reprimand for failing to air any grievances he had concerning other klansmen or the administration of the Klan. Dorsett "is found to be derelict and remiss," the letter said.

Dorsett's letter was mailed from Atlanta on Tuesday. The NIC action was taken on Monday and became effective Wednesday, the letter said.

Shelton and Jones were ousted after an NIC investigation of Dorsett's charges that Jones had misused Klan money and had been derelict in his post as grand dragon.

Dorsett, Clyde Webster and James (Catfish) Cole were later banished from the Klan by Shelton.

THE NATIONAL Intelligence Committee charged that Jones had wrongfully used Klan funds entrusted to him; had failed and been delinquent in the administration of his office in neglecting to visit units and failing to provide literature and Klan materials as prescribed.

The committee said that Jones "is found guilty of personal misconduct, of malfeasance in office, and of violating the Klan constitution."

The NIC statement said the charges against Jones were

brought to Shelton's attention. The Imperial Wizard was found "guilty of nonfeasance and remiss" in his obligation.

"... Imperial Wizard Robert M. Shelton, having been found derelict and remiss in his duties as a leader, is hereby . . . suspended . . . until further notice," the statement said.

THE COMMITTEE ordered that no money be contributed either to the North Carolina or Imperial offices of the Klan "until ordered to do so by this committee."

Sexton, the newly appointed Imperial Wizard, was ordered to call an Imperial Klonsvocation by September.

The NIC ordered Wilson, who operates a drink stand in Salisbury, to call a state meeting "no later than Aug. 1, 1967."

The letter had a seal, bearing the words, "National Intelligence Committee." It was initialed by "J. D., May 29, 1967, chairman, Atlanta, Ga." and by "R. E. T., May 27, 1967, co-chairman, Fort Lauderdale, Fla."

GREENSBORO DAILY NEWS
GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

JUNE 9, 1967

Jones Never Heard Of Intelligence Unit

J. Robert Jones of Granite Quarry, N.C. Grand Dragon, said Thursday he had never heard of the United Klans of America's National Intelligence Committee and that he has no plan to surrender his title.

Jones' statement was backed up in Atlanta by Calvin Craig, Georgia Grand Dragon, who said the Klan does not have an official intelligence organization.

The Daily News was unable to reach Robert Shelton of Tuscaloosa, Ala., for comment. Shelton reportedly was removed as Imperial Wizard of the UKA by the supersecret NIC.

Jones said that he had talked with Shelton, who was quoted as

saying he also had never heard of the NIC.

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Dorsett said, "I imagine one of the NIC members will be named as a spokesman" if the ousted Klan leaders "deny the committee exists."

Dorsett said that he is still Imperial Kludd (national chaplain) of the UKA despite his recent banishment from the organization by Shelton.

GREENVILLE DAILY REFLECTOR
GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

JUNE 9, 1967

Grand Dragon Scoffs At Suspension Letter

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JUNE 9, 1967

Klansman Affirms Anti-Dragon Move

Rev. George Dorsett, Imperial Kludd in North Carolina's troubled Ku Klux Klan, said the organization which yesterday "suspended" Grand Dragon Robert Jones, is a legitimate office of the United Klans of America.

Wizard Robert M. Shelton of Tuscaloosa, Ala., had been suspended.

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Jones, of Granite Quarry, was notified by the "National Intelligence Committee" of the UKA that he had been suspended.

Jones scoffed at the idea and said, "There is no such organization as this NIC."

Dorsett, who himself was banished from the North Carolina Klan by Grand Dragon Jones, said the NIC was formed in 1964.

He said the committee's attention began focusing on the North Carolina Klan about 18 months ago when friction began to develop within the Klan's organization.

And the move that set off the NIC action, according to Dorsett was when Jones and Imperial Wizard Robert Shelton of Tuscaloosa, Ala. "made their phony banishment of some Klansmen."

He said Jones and others "have not been abiding by the constitution and bylaws of the United Klan of America and

"If they had notified me that I was removed from office, I'd accept the decision," he said.

He said his own banishment from the North Carolina Klan was not legal since the Imperial Board of the United KKK did not take the action.

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As was anticipated, both SHELTON and JONES are attempting to rebut the affect of the NIC letter by statements to the effect that there is no such organization.

It would appear feasible for the Charlotte Division to prepare a second letter on the letterhead of the National Intelligence Committee, which letter would attack SHELTON and JONES for their dishonesty in denying the existence of such an organization and which letter would re-affirm its previous order concerning the suspension of SHELTON and the removal of JONES.

The Bureau is requested to approve the issuance of a second letter with this basic context and if the Bureau approves, it is felt that this second letter will set up a situation where Charlotte can take advantage of the following action which Charlotte also proposes and recommends the Bureau approve:

FOIA(b)(7) - (D) Charlotte at the present time is attempting to obtain personal letterhead stationery and envelopes of J. R. JONES. Upon obtaining this stationery and envelopes, Charlotte will be in a position to prepare an answer to the NIC communications over the signature of North Carolina Grand Dragon J. R. JONES.

It is suggested by Charlotte for Bureau approval that this letter over JONES' signature set out in its context that JONES admits the existence of the NIC and while perhaps he has been negligent in some of his duties, he feels that his penalty has been too severe. From this starting point, Charlotte will be in a position to further the consternation of JONES and SHELTON and it is felt that this action can contribute in great measure to not only disrupting the North Carolina klan but perhaps start it on its eventual demise. Charlotte would, of course, continue to take advantage of every opportunity using this technique to keep the confusion and dissension going as continuously as possible.

This technique of Charlotte in utilizing JONES' personal letterhead can be successful since Charlotte anticipates it will be successful in obtaining both the letterhead and envelopes and since a source of the Charlotte Division has recently secured from JONES' records the entire current mailing list of all units, including ladies' units throughout the State of North Carolina, which could be utilized for mailing a letter over his personal signature. JONES is unaware that this list has been obtained and it will be quite difficult for him to rationalize or explain away a letter bearing his signature and admitting the existence of the NIC, particularly when such letter is mailed to addresses which are only in the possession of JONES; Charlotte has sufficient examples of JONES' signature that no difficulty is anticipated in duplicating JONES' signature.

In view of the very successful results which have been obtained thus far in the NIC operation initiated by Charlotte, Charlotte is recommending the Bureau withhold [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] which was previously recommended to the Bureau in Charlotte airtel to the Bureau dated 5/25/67, bearing the sub-caption "Program to Oust J. R. JONES, Grand Dragon of North Carolina". In view of the present developments, it appears that it would be premature at this time to use [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] from JONES along the eastern seaboard of North Carolina and publicly denouncing JONES. UACB, Charlotte will hold the use of [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] in abeyance.

Charlotte feels that the above recommendations in furtherance of its counterintelligence action has great potential to further the deterioration of the klan in North Carolina, and Charlotte would recommend strongly for Bureau approval of the operations set out above, particularly as relates to the follow-up letter of NIC and a subsequent letter thereafter over the signature of J. R. JONES, utilizing his personal letterhead.

If these programs are approved by the Bureau, Charlotte would recommend that the follow-up letter of the NIC again be mailed from the Atlanta Division and the subsequent letter on JONES' letterhead will be mailed from the state headquarters, Granite Quarry, North Carolina.

The Bureau can be assured that these programs will be conducted in such a way that the Bureau's interest is protected and full security will be given this operation.

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FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281) (P)

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RE: NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE
COMMITTEE OF UNITED KLANS
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Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau dated 5/9/67, Bureau airtel to Charlotte dated 5/24/67, Charlotte airtel to Bureau dated 5/31/67, Atlanta airtels to Bureau dated 6/7/67, and 6/8/67, and Miami airtel to Bureau dated 6/9/67.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are three (3) copies of letter prepared by Charlotte on letterhead of the National Intelligence Committee of United Klans of America, Inc. (NIC) dated 6/5/67, to which letter is attached a cover letter prepared by Charlotte over the signature of Rev. GEORGE F. DORSETT dated 6/8/67; all other offices receiving this communication are being furnished one (1) copy of the DORSETT cover letter for information.

As the Bureau and other offices are aware, the NIC letter was mailed to selected Imperial Officers, selected Grand Dragons, and Titans of the UKA as set out in referenced Charlotte airtel to the Bureau dated 5/31/67. This letter was mailed by the Atlanta Division on the afternoon of 6/5/67, and a copy was received by [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] and was subsequently distributed by [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]

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Referenced communications from Atlanta and Miami indicated this operation has also received publicity in their respective territories, and referenced Miami airtel of 6/9/67, indicates that this NIC operation has created widespread confusion and disruption among the klan leaders.

[FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]

[FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] and the receipt of this letter by the Imperial Officers and Titans in North Carolina, as well as the general membership, which have been informed [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] has resulted in reported widespread confusion among the units in North Carolina.

At this time, full reports have not been received from all units in North Carolina, but the reports which are being received indicate that Imperial Wizard ROBERT M. SHELTON was extremely upset, JONES [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] that, "SHELTON is boiling over." [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] has reported that JONES is considerably upset, initially believing that this letter was

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prepared by Rev. GEORGE DORSETT, but after discussions with SHELTON has some misgivings that the letter may be the work of the Anti-Defamation League. JONES appears to believe that DORSETT is being backed by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and that DORSETT IS selling out the UKA to ADL.

The overall evaluation of this operation at the present time is that the results are exceeding the Charlotte Division's expectations insofar as fostering discontent, dissension, and confusion not only in the klan membership in general, but also throughout its leadership in North Carolina.

The following news articles appeared in the indicated papers on the dates indicated:

SALISBURY POST,
SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA

JUNE 8, 1967

Klan Group 'Ousts' Jones As Dragon

The state Ku Klux Klan shell has cracked again.

The Post learned today that the super secret KKK committee known as the "national intelligence committee" has booted out Grand Dragon Bob Jones and imperial wizard Robert Shelton.

According to the information, Salisbury drink stand operator Fred Wilson, the state treasurer of the hooded order, has been promoted to acting grand-dragon.

Neither Jones nor Wilson could be reached for comment on the report before noon today. Wilson is reportedly ill and was being treated by a doctor.

Just what authority the NIC has in the removal and appointment of Klan officers is not altogether clear. It is doubted that Jones will acknowledge its authority in this field.

But if it does have the authority — and the authority is accepted — it means a complete shake-up in the klan's top structure.

RUMORS DENIED

The rumors that Jones was to be removed from office have been rampant for some time. He has, of course, denied this.

The word of Jones disposal came from Atlanta, Ga., the headquarters of the klan's national intelligence committee

(NIC). A three page letter listing the charges against Jones and Shelton was signed only with the initials J.D. and R.E.T., the reported cochairmen of the group.

NIC is reportedly composed of some 250 klansmen from across the nation. It functions like a klan private detective agency. The policy of NIC is to operate in "upmost secrecy and without open honor." The members will not reveal their identities.

NIC is described by its members, the Post learned, as "the eyes and ears of the klan army".

NIC claims it has conducted a complete and thorough ex-

annunciation of the charges against Jones and Shelton.

It accuses Jones of personal misconduct and malfeasance, and has been delinquent in that he has neglected to visit the units and provide literature and Klan material. He is also accused of failure to abide by the Klan constitution, specifically by refusing to hold an election for his post.

NIC says it must be effective or even the best klan unit will grope and fail and therefore "by virtue of the power and authority vested in this committee" did "remove" Jones as of last night.

NIC has ordered Jones to "cease and desist exercising any of his powers as grand dragon and to turn over all klan records, books, funds, property, and paraphernalia".

The super secret unit said it was removing Shelton because the actions of Jones have been

brought to his attention and he did nothing to improve the situation. He was blamed for "nonfeasance and being remiss in his obligation."

NIC "appointed" Wilson as acting grand dragon, effective last night, and asked him to take personal possession of all records and funds. Wilson was asked to notify all units of the change in command and to call a state meeting as soon as possible, no later than Aug. 1.

George Dorsett, the Greensboro preacher who has been working to get rid of Jones when contacted today said he was pleased that Jones was ousted, but surprised that Wilson was named to replace him.

"I thought Wilson and Jones were friends," Dorsett said, "but I guess the committee felt Wilson knew more about the klan records than anyone else."

Wilson has carried the title of klan treasurer since the organization was formed in Salisbury in 1963.

Dorsett's surprise, however, was not confined to the appointment of Wilson. Dorsett was also given a verbal tongue-lashing by the committee.

NIC maintains, according to Post information, that Dorsett has been "derelict and remiss and is hereby officially reprimanded" for failing to appear before NIC with his gripe against Jones. Dorsett said he was "a little disappointed" by this charge.

The klan's internal squabble came to light several months ago when Dorsett announced his campaign to remove Jones for misuse of funds. Shortly after Dorsett started his efforts, he was banished from the klan by Shelton.

Dorsett said the banishment was illegal under klan rules. Shelton and Jones said it was legal.

The Post checked into the financial structure of the state KKK and learned that the organization has a potential of raking in \$125,000 a year. Jones and his wife are paid approximately \$15,000 a year in salary.

NIC has no local branch, but does have branches in Greensboro, Kinston, Rocky Mount, Elizabeth City, Wilmington, Charlotte, and Raleigh. Branches are also in several other states.

Dorsett said today that NIC has the legal authority to remove Jones. Jones, however, is not expected to agree.

JUNE 9, 1967

Paper Says Klan Has Purged Jones, Shelton In Probe



Robert
Jones
He's Not
Talking

SALISBURY — (UPI) — A secret klan intelligence group has kicked Alabama's Robert Shelton and North Carolina's Robert Jones out of the United Klans of America, according to The Salisbury Post.

Shelton was imperial wizard, or head, of the United Klans, largely a Southern wing of the klan.

Jones was grand dragon, or head, of the N.C. unit.

The Post reported Thursday that Shelton was ousted when he refused to disavow Jones.

Jones was ordered dismissed, the Post said, because of "personnel misconduct and malfeasance."

The Post said the dismissals of both were ordered by the klan's National Intelligence Committee, a group of about 250 klansmen from throughout the nation.

The Post said the committee's action came after a recent meeting in Atlanta.

Jones acknowledged Thursday that he had received the

letter but said that there was nothing to it.

"There is no such organization as this," said Jones, commenting on the committee (NIC). Jones added he had never heard of the NIC and had no plan to surrender his title. He added he had talked with Shelton, who was quoted as saying he also had never heard of NIC.

"I wasn't thrown in, and I won't be thrown out," said Jones in reference to the grand dragonship.

Asked if he planned to surrender his records, Jones laughed, saying he hadn't surrendered them to a congressional committee.

Shelton had asked that "all such letters be sent to him, and he is going to the postal authorities about it," he said.

According to the Post, the committee found that Jones had been delinquent in visiting klan klaverns (local units) and

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Shelton
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No More?



in providing klansmen with klan material.

It also found, the Post said, that Jones had failed to abide by klan law in refusing to hold a election for his post.

Jones and two other N.C. klansmen, former state chaplain George Dorsett of Greensboro and James (Catfish) Cole, recently parted company over the dragon's failure to call an election.

As a result, Jones kicked Dorsett and Cole out of the N.C. klan, and they proceeded to organize a rival group.

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"Robert Jones is still 100 per cent the grand dragon of North Carolina and Robert Shelton is still 100 per cent the imperial wizard of the Klan," Craig said.

JUNE 9, 1967

Klan Head Scoffs At 'Suspension'

SALISBURY (AP) — The North Carolina grand dragon of United Klans of America Inc. has been notified by "the National Intelligence Committee" (NIC) of the UKA Inc. he has been suspended from office, but he scoffs at it.

J. Robert Jones of Granite Quarry, the grand dragon, said "There is no such organization as this (NIC)."

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The letter charged Jones was delinquent in the administration of his office and that he had failed to abide by provisions of the Klan constitution. The Post,

which said it obtained the

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It added that Fred Wilson of Salisbury, state treasurer, would assume the duties of acting grand dragon and that the imperial kligrapp, Melvin Sexton, would assume Shelton's duties.

In Greensboro, the Rev. George Dorsett, the kludd (chaplain) in North Carolina, who recently was reported by Jones to have been dismissed, said yesterday he was pleased Jones was suspended.

BUT in Atlanta, Georgia Grand Dragon Calvin Craig said NIC was "purely a fictitious name. There's no such division in the organization." Craig said Dorsett and another man banished from the Klan "thought up the name" NIC.

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Jones said he had never heard of the NIC and had no plan to surrender his office or records.

Referring to the grand dragonship, Jones said: "I won't be thrown out."

CHARLOTTE OBSERVER
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

JUNE 10, 1967

Rules Say Klan Can Fire Jones, Shelton

RALEIGH — (UPI) — The National Intelligence Committee which suspended Imperial Wizard Robert Shelton and Grand Dragon Robert Jones is founded in the Ku Klux Klan constitution and clearly has this power, it was confirmed Friday.

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The faction, which includes a number of christian ministers, wants to clean out klan bigwigs using their forces for personal financial gain.

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Raleigh, N. C., Friday, June 9, 1967
Jones, Shelton in Distavor

Klan Chiefs Said Ousted

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In an exclusive but unsigned front page report, the Post said the NIC, described as a type of "private detective agency" which acts as the "eyes and ears of the Klan," took the action at a recent meeting in Atlanta.

Georgia Grand Dragon Calvin Craig of Atlanta denied the report and said the Klan does not have an official intelligence organization.

According to the Post, the NIC urged Imperial Wizard Robert Shelton of Tuscaloosa, Ala. to fire North Carolina Klan Grand Dragon J. Robert Jones of Granite Quarry but when Shelton balked at firing

Jones, both Klansmen were stripped of their titles.

Jones said at Granite Quarry that he had received a letter notifying him he had been suspended, but he said there was nothing to it.

Jones said "there is no such organization" as the National Intelligence Committee of the Klan. He added he had talked to Shelton, who was quoted as saying he also had never heard of NIC.

"I wasn't thrown in, and I won't be thrown out," said Jones in reference to the grand dragonship.

The Post said it had learned the NIC, reportedly composed of about 250 Klansmen from throughout the nation, issued a three page statement charging Jones with "personal misconduct and malfeasance."

The statement also reportedly charged Jones was delinquent in visiting Klan

klaverns and in providing Klansmen with Klan material.

The statement added, the Post said, that Jones failed to abide by the Klan constitution, specifically by refusing to hold an election for his post.

It did not elaborate concerning Shelton or a successor to the wizard but said Jones was to temporarily be succeeded by Fred Wilson, who operates a drink stand here and who has been treasurer of the state Klan since 1953. Wilson also could not be reached to confirm or deny the story.

George Dorsett of Greensboro, a former UKA chaplain who recently was stripped of his Klan membership in a feud within the State Klan ranks, said the NIC does have

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the authority to take the actions described by the Post.

Dorsett added that he was surprised Wilson was named acting dragon because he thought Wilson and Jones were close friends.

Jones reportedly has been ordered to turn in all Klan materials and Klan property in his possession.

If true, the actions mark a major shakeup in the State Klan, which has experienced increasing dissension in recent months.

The Post said Wilson was ordered by the NIC to call a statewide meeting no later than Aug. 1, presumably to take steps toward finding a new state grand dragon.

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'Kick-Em-Out' Krew in Klan Konstitution

By RICHARD W. HATCH
United Press International

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The sources said the dissension within the United Klans of America has been going on for four or five months. One source described it as "a hell of an internal fight."

The NIC met in Atlanta Monday and voted to suspend Jones and Shelton. They were not banished from the Klan, merely stripped of their jobs.

A letter notifying Klansmen of the action was mailed to Klansmen from Atlanta Tuesday.

The letter said the committee found Jones "is guilty of personal misconduct, of malfeasance in office, and of violating the Klan constitution." The letter said Shelton had been found "derelict and remiss in his duties as a leader" and was suspended until further notice. Apparently, the action against Shelton was because he refused to move against Jones.

The NIC also reprimanded the Rev. George Dorsett, who was banished by Jones and Shelton. The NIC found he was "derelict" in his duty as grand kludd, or chaplain. The action apparently was taken because

Dorsett failed to take his complaints to the Klan, but aired them publicly.

The reprimand, however, was a back-handed vindication for Dorsett. Apparently the action which suspended Shelton and Jones meant their banishment of Dorsett was voided.

The NIC said Shelton has been replaced as Imperial Wizard by Melvir Sexton, former imperial kligrapp (national secretary). Fred Wilson of Salisbury has been named acting grand dragon for North Carolina. The NIC ordered him to hold a State meeting "no later than Aug. 1, 1967" to select a permanent dragon.

Jones and Shelton both said they had never heard of the National Intelligence Committee and denied they were ousted. Jones said he has no intention of surrendering his title. "I was not thrown into the Klan and I am not going to be thrown out," Jones said.

Both indicated they will challenge the legality of the ouster moves which could mean they are forming a splinter group.

JUNE 9, 1967

Shelton And Jones

Two Klan Officials Ousted, Letter To Dorsett Reports

BY ROBERT M. AUMAN
Daily News Staff Writer

The Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America Inc. and the North Carolina Klan Grand Dragon have been ousted by the Klan's National Intelligence Committee, it was learned Thursday.

According to a letter received from the NIC by the Rev. George F. Dorsett of Greensboro, Robert Shelton has been replaced as Imperial

Wizard by Melvin Sexton, former Imperial Kligrapp (national secretary). Shelton and Sexton are from Tuscaloosa, Ala.

The letter also said that Fred Wilson of Salisbury has been named acting Grand Dragon of the North Carolina Klan to replace J. Robert Jones of Granite Quarry. Wilson formerly was the Tar Heel Klan's Klabea. (treasurer).

THE COMMITTEE also gave Dorsett an official reprimand for failing to air any grievances he had concerning other klansmen or the administration of the Klan. Dorsett "is found to be derelict and remiss," the letter said.

Dorsett's letter was mailed from Atlanta on Tuesday. The NIC action was taken on Monday and became effective Wednesday, the letter said.

Shelton and Jones were ousted after an NIC investigation of Dorsett's charges that Jones had misused Klan money and had been derelict in his post as grand dragon.

Dorsett, Clyde Webster and James (Catfish) Cole were later banished from the Klan by Shelton.

THE NATIONAL Intelligence Committee charged that Jones had wrongfully used Klan funds entrusted to him; had failed and been delinquent in the administration of his office in neglecting to visit units and failing to provide literature and Klan materials as prescribed.

The committee said that Jones "is found guilty of personal misconduct, of malfeasance in office, and of violating the Klan constitution."

The NIC statement said the charges against Jones were

brought to Shelton's attention. The Imperial Wizard was found "guilty of nonfeasance and remiss" in his obligation.

"... Imperial Wizard Robert M. Shelton, having been found derelict and remiss in his duties as a leader, is hereby . . . suspended . . . until further notice," the statement said.

THE COMMITTEE ordered that no money be contributed either to the North Carolina or Imperial offices of the Klan "until ordered to do so by this committee."

Sexton, the newly appointed Imperial Wizard, was ordered to call an Imperial Klavocation by September.

The NIC ordered Wilson, who operates a drink stand in Salisbury, to call a state meeting "no later than Aug. 1, 1967."

The letter had a seal, bearing the words, "National Intelligence Committee." It was initialed by "J. D., May 29, 1967, chairman, Atlanta, Ga." and by "R. E. T., May 27, 1967, co-chairman, Fort Lauderdale, Fla."

GREENSBORO DAILY NEWS
GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

JUNE 9, 1967

Jones Never Heard Of Intelligence Unit

J. Robert Jones of Granite Quarry, N.C. Grand Dragon, said Thursday he had never heard of the United Klans of America's National Intelligence Committee and that he has no plan to surrender his title.

Jones' statement was backed up in Atlanta by Calvin Craig, Georgia Grand Dragon, who said the Klan does not have an official intelligence organization.

The Daily News was unable to reach Robert Shelton of Tuscaloosa, Ala., for comment. Shelton reportedly was removed as Imperial Wizard of the UKA by the supersecret NIC.

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Doresett said, "I imagine one of the NIC members will be named as a spokesman" if the ousted Klan leaders "deny the committee exists."

Dorsett said that he is still Imperial Kludd (national chaplain) of the UKA despite his recent banishment from the organization by Shelton.

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RALEIGH TIMES
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

JUNE 9, 1967

Klansman Affirms Anti-Dragon Move

Rev. George Dorsett, Imperial Kludd in North Carolina's dictator style" for too long. troubled Ku Klux Klan, said Dorsett, who said he is still the organization which yesterday "suspended" Grand Dragon Robert Jones, is a legitimate office of the United Klans of America. Wizard Robert M. Shelton of Tuscaloosa, Ala., had been suspended. It added that Fred Wilson of Salisbury, state treasurer, would assume the duties of acting grand dragon and that the imperial kligrapp, Melvin Sexton, would assume Shelton's duties.

Jones, of Granite Quarry, was notified by the "National Intelligence Committee" of the UKA that he had been suspended. "If they had notified me that I was removed from office, I'd accept the decision," he said. He said his own banishment from the North Carolina Klan was not legal since the Imperial Board of the United KKK did not take the action.

Jones scoffed at the idea and said, "There is no such organization as this NIC."

Dorsett, who himself was banished from the North Carolina Klan by Grand Dragon Jones, said the NIC was formed in 1964.

He said the committee's attention began focusing on the North Carolina Klan about 18 months ago when friction began to develop within the Klan's organization.

And the move that set off the NIC action, according to Dorsett was when Jones and Imperial Wizard Robert Shelton of Tuscaloosa, Ala. "made their phony banishment of some Klansmen."

He said Jones and others "have not been abiding by the constitution and bylaws of the United Klan of America and

that Jones and Shelton should abide by the NIC ruling.

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As was anticipated, both SHELTON and JONES are attempting to rebut the affect of the NIC letter by statements to the effect that there is no such organization.

It would appear feasible for the Charlotte Division to prepare a second letter on the letterhead of the National Intelligence Committee, which letter would attack SHELTON and JONES for their dishonesty in denying the existence of such an organization and which letter would re-affirm its previous order concerning the suspension of SHELTON and the removal of JONES.

The Bureau is requested to approve the issuance of a second letter with this basic context and if the Bureau approves, it is felt that this second letter will set up a situation where Charlotte can take advantage of the following action which Charlotte also proposes and recommends the Bureau approve:

Charlotte at the present time is attempting to obtain FOIA(b) (7) - (D) personal letterhead stationery and envelopes of J. R. JONES. Upon obtaining this stationery and envelopes, Charlotte will be in a position to prepare an answer to the NIC communications over the signature of North Carolina Grand Dragon J. R. JONES.

It is suggested by Charlotte for Bureau approval that this letter over JONES' signature set out in its context that JONES admits the existence of the NIC and while perhaps he has been negligent in some of his duties, he feels that his penalty has been too severe. From this starting point, Charlotte will be in a position to further the consternation of JONES and SHELTON and it is felt that this action can contribute in great measure to not only disrupting the North Carolina klan but perhaps start it on its eventual demise. Charlotte would, of course, continue to take advantage of every opportunity using this technique to keep the confusion and dissension going as continuously as possible.

This technique of Charlotte in utilizing JONES' personal letterhead can be successful since Charlotte anticipates it will be successful in obtaining both the letterhead and envelopes and since a source of the Charlotte Division has recently secured from JONES' records the entire current mailing list of all units, including ladies' units throughout the State of North Carolina, which could be utilized for mailing a letter over his personal signature. JONES is unaware that this list has been obtained and it will be quite difficult for him to rationalize or explain away a letter bearing his signature and admitting the existence of the NIC, particularly when such letter is mailed to addresses which are only in the possession of JONES; Charlotte has sufficient examples of JONES' signature that no difficulty is anticipated in duplicating JONES' signature.

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In view of the very successful results which have been obtained thus far in the NIC operation initiated by Charlotte, Charlotte is recommending the Bureau [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] which was previously recommended to the Bureau in Charlotte airtel to the Bureau dated 5/25/67, bearing the sub-caption "Program to Oust J. R. JONES, Grand Dragon of North Carolina". In view of the present developments, it appears that it would be premature at this time to use [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] from JONES along the eastern seaboard of North Carolina and publicly denouncing JONES. UACB, Charlotte will hold the use of [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] in abeyance.

Charlotte feels that the above recommendations in furtherance of its counterintelligence action has great potential to further the deterioration of the klan in North Carolina, and Charlotte would recommend strongly for Bureau approval of the operations set out above, particularly as relates to the follow-up letter of NIC and a subsequent letter thereafter over the signature of J. R. JONES, utilizing his personal letterhead.

If these programs are approved by the Bureau, Charlotte would recommend that the follow-up letter of the NIC again be mailed from the Atlanta Division and the subsequent letter on JONES' letterhead will be mailed from the state headquarters, Granite Quarry, North Carolina.

The Bureau can be assured that these programs will be conducted in such a way that the Bureau's interest is protected and full security will be given this operation.

6/20/67

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UKA, INC., NORTH CAROLINA)

Re Miami airtel to Bureau, 6/9/67, captioned
"NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE OF UKA, INC. (NIC)."

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies each
of the following two newspaper articles, and for Charlotte
and Birmingham one copy each of same articles:

"Initials R.E.T. Mask Local Klan Leader" which
article appeared in Saturday, 6/17/67, issue of the "Fort
Lauderdale News", Page 1, Section B, Columns 1 through 3.

"Broward Klan Supports Wallace", which article
appeared in the Sunday, 6/18/67, issue of the "Miami
Herald" newspaper, Page 1BR, Columns 5 through 8.

The above articles illustrate the extent to
which local klaverns of the UKA have gone to rectify
damage done the UKA by the National Intelligence Committee.

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TO MIAMI (157-1114)

FROM DIRECTOR (157-9-29) 1P

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AMERICA, INC.; KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN; COUNTERINTELLIGENCE
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AUTHORITY GRANTED TO CONTACT U.S. COMMISSIONER HAMILTON
TO ADVISE HIM OF KLAN MEETINGS BEING HELD IN HIS RESTAURANT
AND OF THE EFFECT A SIMILAR SITUATION HAD ON BUSINESS AT
HOLT'S RESTAURANT. AUTHORITY ALSO GRANTED TO DISCREETLY
ADVISE HIM THAT HIS SON APPARENTLY HAS PLANS TO FURNISH
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8-64)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-1689) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UKA, INC., KKK)

Re Tampa airtel to Bureau dated 6/6/67.

During the past week, [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] have all advised that WILLIAM RICHARDSON, Grand Titan, has revoked the charter of the KKKu Klux Klan effective June 6, 1967. The action came about after most of the members of the Klavern quit, [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]

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FOIA(b)(7) - (D) has advised that WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON, Grand Titan, Province 3, Realm of Florida, read a letter that he had received from a UKA investigating committee which stated that ROBERT SHELTON and BOB JONES had been found guilty of misconduct and removed from office. RICHARDSON read the letter in a matter of fact manner and led the informant to believe that RICHARDSON thought it was very factual. FOIA(b)(7) - (D) has also reported that similar information has come to his attention and that as far as he, and his colleagues, is concerned the report is factual.

Tampa will continue to be alert for further counter-intelligence possibilities and will advise.

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date Dictated _____ to _____ Transcribed _____ Authenticated by Informant 5/24/67		Date of Report 5/24/67 Date(s) of activity 5/67
Brief description of activity or material "Americans for Wallace Committee" solicit Ku Klux Klan support.		File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

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May 24, 1967
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

There will be a forming of an organizaion (LOCALLY)
in the last week of July, (date unknown) by the name of:

"AMERICANS FOR WALLACE COMMITTEE"

The proposed Local Chairman will be Mr. BEN KLASSEN
whose address is Post Office Box #5908. Lighthouse Point, Florida.
(zip) 33064 Telephone: 941-1173

The STATE HEADQUARTERS CHAIRMAN is:

Dr. WILLIAM CAMPBELL DOUGLAS
1812 HILLVIEW STREET
SARASOTA, FLORIDA
(zip) 33579

The NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS CHAIRMAN is:

JAMES G. CLARK (also Sheriff of Dallas County, Alabama)
(National Hdqts. address unknown)

A local "worker" for the organization has solicited
donations from members of the UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, KNIGHTS
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, whose name is:

JOHN KANANEN
(telephone: 942-3950)

Mr. Kananen related to UKA members that Bumper stickers
for Wallace, as well as License Tags will be available, for sale.
Also Dues will be \$2.00 per month, 50% which goes to the STATE
HEADQUARTERS, to DR. DOUGLAS. KANANEN read a NEWSLETTER sent to
him by DOUGLAS telling of the state meeting that was recently
held in Sarasota, and recommended setting up a organizational meet-
ing in the last week of July, or the first week in August. DOUGLAS
announced in his letter that to be sure and make AN UNPUBLISHED
ANNOUNCEMENT of their meetin, and if any help was needed to contact
"COL. NELSON". Local branches are already established (according
to the newsletter) in LEESBURG, MIAMI, BRADINGTON, SARASOTA, and
FT. LAUDERDALE.

MR. JOHN KANANEN Referred to himself as an EX-BIRCHER,
and "RECENTLY SAVED CHRISTIAN". Mr. KANANEN also stated he was a
SEGREGATIONIST. *3/12*

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)

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INTERNAL SECURITY-DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY, BROWARD CO., FLA.)

Remyairtel 5/23/67, captioned "NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY (RALLY, FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA., 5/22/67); RM (ORGANIZATION) (OO: SAVANNAH)", and "BOMB THREAT, GEORGIA PIG RESTAURANT, FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, 5/22/67; BOMBING MATTERS".

A recruiting and organizational drive of the NSRP in South Florida was formally launched at a NSRP rally held at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., 5/22/67. The rally took place inside the Georgia Pig Restaurant, and it was closed to outsiders. The principal speakers were CONNIE LYNCH, J. B. STONER, local representative, and RICHARD F. HARLEY (Bufile 157-6022, Miami file 157-1495). C. B. RIDDLEHOOVER, former Grand Dragon of the UKKKK, assisted HARLEY at the rally.

There are presently 3 local chapters of the NSRP in Broward Co., to-wit: Hollywood, Ft. Lauderdale, and Pompano Beach, Fla. The members consist almost exclusively of former KKK members.

RICHARD HARLEY, former State Treasurer of the UKA, Inc., Realm of Fla., and formerly Exalted Cyclops of Klavern #4, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, is chairman of the Hollywood NSRP chapter and coordinator for the 3 NSRP groups.

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HARLEY, who has been interviewed several times in the past by BuAgents, resides in a middle to upper-class, white neighborhood in the West Hollywood area and is employed as an electrician by a reputable electrical company in Hollywood, Fla. HARLEY, a suspicious and publicity-conscious individual, was successful in eluding publicity as a Klansman and exposure as a hate monger.

Sergeant JOSEPH MAZUR, Chief of Intelligence Division of the Broward Co. SO, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., personally attended the NSRP rally in an undercover capacity on 5/22/67 and observed HARLEY speak at the rally in most intemperate terms against Negroes, Jews and the Federal Government.

MAZUR's deputies obtained numerous photos of HARLEY on the speaker's platform by means of a concealed camera.

On 6/22/67, MAZUR advised he would be willing to publically expose NSRP activity in Broward Co., by revealing to the news media his presence at the rally, by divulging the nature of the speaker's diatribe, and releasing photos taken on that occasion.

On 6/22/67, GENE STRUHL, News Director, Channel 7, WCKT-TV, an NBC affiliated station, advised his station is currently planning to produce a 30-minute special TV production on the activities of extremist organizations operating in South Fla. He stated the program will include interviews with the representatives of extremist organizations in South Fla. STRUHL requested FBI assistance in furnishing him with leads for such interviews.

STRUHL has cooperated with the Bureau in the past and is reliable, 100% trustworthy, and will not reveal the Bureau's interest on info furnished him.

Bureau authority requested to advise STRUHL of the NSRP situation in South Fla., furnish him with NSRP hate literature and the identity, residence and employment of RICHARD HARLEY. He will also be advised that Sergeant MAZUR of the Broward Co. SO is approachable for interview in this matter.

If the Bureau grants authority to furnish this info to STRUHL on a confidential basis, Miami assures it will result in no embarrassment to the Bureau.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Klan Asks FBI Probe Of Letter

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) —

A mysterious letter saying that Robert M. Shelton of Tuscaloosa, Ala., had been deposed as imperial wizard of the United Klans of America, Inc., has led the Ku Klux Klan to call for an FBI investigation.

In a memorandum to the FBI and postal authorities, Shelton asked for an investigation of possible use of the mails to defraud.

The memo said a letter dated June 5, 1967 and purportedly from the "National Intelligence Committee" of the United Klans, said that Shelton had been deposed.

The letter reportedly was signed with the initials "J.D." as chairman in Atlanta and "R.E.T." as cochairman in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

"Such committee does not now and has never existed," Shelton's memo said.

Melvin Sexton of Tuscaloosa, Klan secretary, said earlier that reports he would take over Shelton's duties were "completely false and fraudulent."

"If there were such a committee," Sexton said, "the imperial wizard himself would be chairman thereof under the rules and dogma of the organization."

Sexton said the June 5 letter also announced suspension of J. Robert Jones, North Carolina grand dragon, but this also is false.

The Georgia grand dragon, Calvin Craig of Atlanta, also denied existence of such a committee.

"Robert Jones is still 100 per cent the grand dragon of North Carolina and Robert Shelton is still 100 per cent the imperial wizard of the Klan," Craig said.

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VIRGINIA BEACH, AND

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FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (157-464) (P)COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
NORTH CAROLINA)Re: NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE
OF UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC. (NIC)

Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau dated 6/14/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three Xero copies of an article entitled "Klan Asks FBI Probe of Letter," which appeared in the "Virginian-Pilot," a Norfolk newspaper of general circulation, on 6/17/67.

Information copies are furnished Atlanta, Birmingham, Miami, Mobile, Richmond and Savannah, along with one copy for each office of the above-mentioned Associated Press article, because these offices have an interest in the results of Charlotte's project in connection with this matter. Two copies are furnished Charlotte, along with two copies of the above-mentioned article, which office originated this project.

This article will indicate somewhat the extent of publicity this project has received outside of North Carolina and Alabama.

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

Re Miami airtel to Bureau, 6/6/67, and Bureau teletype to Miami, 6/19/67.

U. S. Commissioner EDGAR G. HAMILTON was interviewed at his office, West Palm Beach, Fla., on 6/20/67.

At the outset of the interview, Mr. HAMILTON denied having any knowledge of the incident involving Okeechobee County, Fla., School Superintendent CARL T. DURRANCE and JOHN T. BOWLES. After he was briefly advised concerning the incident, he stated he was in Okeechobee, Fla., on the day after the incident and had heard several accounts of the incident.

He stated that his son, DAVID JAN HAMILTON had advised him that he had been a witness and might have to testify. Mr. HAMILTON advised that he was positive that his son would tell the truth should he be subpoenaed.

Mr. HAMILTON said that the Okissimnee Restaurant is a family-owned corporation of which he is a stockholder but is neither an officer nor director. He said he had no prior knowledge that Klan meetings were being held at the restaurant, but that he would look into it. He said the restaurant is being operated by his sons. He did not divulge just what action he intended to take in regard to the Klan meetings.

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Miami will follow closely action in regard to the Klan meetings at the restaurant, as well as determine the nature of DAVID JAN HAMILTON's testimony, should he testify at the local trial.

In the event the Klan continues to meet at the Okissimmee Restaurant or DAVID JAN HAMILTON testifies other than factually, further consideration will be given to making additional recommendations to the Bureau for possibly contacting the U. S. District Judge, Miami, Fla., under whose direction HAMILTON serves as U. S. Commissioner.

The Bureau will be kept advised.

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)

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SAC, MIAMI (157-1114)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS - KLAN
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Re Miami letter to Bureau, dated ^{6/27}3/28/67.

STATUS LETTER

I. POTENTIAL COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

- A. Klavern 6, UKA, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.
- B. Klavern 14, UKA, Vero Beach, Florida.
- C. Klavern 28, UKA, Okeechobee, Florida.
- D. Klavern 32, UKA, Sebring, Florida.
- omit [E. New unit of the NSRP being formed in Ft. Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida.

II. PENDING COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

- A. Okeechobee Klavern 28, UKA, Okeechobee, Florida

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Members of the Okeechobee Klavern have been meeting at the Okissimnee Restaurant, a corporation owned by the HAMILTON family. EDGAR G. HAMILTON is United States Commissioner, West Palm Beach, Florida, and his sons reportedly operate the restaurant. DAVID JAN HAMILTON, one of the sons, is a witness to an incident involving klansmen at Okeechobee, Florida. He is sympathetic to the Klan, has permitted Klan meetings to be held in the Okissimnee Restaurant and has given indication he will falsely testify if called as a witness concerning the incident involving the Klan and the Superintendent of Schools at Okeechobee, Florida.

This matter has been called to the attention of the United States Commissioner at West Palm Beach, Florida, who has indicated he will take appropriate action.

B. NSRP
Ft. Lauderdale, Broward
County, Florida

A recruiting and organizational drive of the NSRP was formally launched in Ft. Lauderdale, June 22, 1967. Most of the individuals interested in the organization are former KKK members.

News Director, Channel 7, WCKT TV, Miami, is currently planning to produce a special thirty minute television program on the activities of extremist organizations operating in South Florida. Part of the program will include interviews with members of extremist organizations. Any program of this type should result in embarrassment to the organization and the Bureau has been

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requested to authorize Miami to furnish the News Director of Channel 7 the identity, residence and employment of RICHARD HARLEY, the motivating force behind the NSRP in Broward County.

III. TANGIBLE RESULTS

A. Vero Beach Klavern #14, UKA, Vero Beach, Florida

Based on information furnished by Miami informant, four members of the Vero Beach Klavern were arrested in Melbourne, Florida, as they were about to burn a cross on private property. This has seriously affected the activities of the Vero Beach Klavern, as well as klaverns in the Tampa Division.

By airtel dated June 19, 1967, the Tampa Division reported the following:

During the past week, [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]
[FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] have all advised that WILLIAM RICHARDSON, Grand Titan, has revoked the charter of the Eau Gallie Klavern effective June 6, 1967. The action came about after most of the members of the Klavern quit, [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]
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[FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]

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unless he came up with \$400 by June 19, 1967, he would lose his business in Vero Beach. BLANTON, it should be recalled, was the individual that posted \$848 in bonds for the above arrested four klansmen. FOIA(b) (7) - (D) has also advised that the Vero Beach Klavern is on the verge of dissolution as a result of the above arrest.

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① - 157-1509 (MC BRIDGEMAN)
① - 157-1579 (KLAVERN #14)
① - 157-1224 (LEON BLANTON)
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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date Dictated _____ to _____ Transcribed _____ Authenticated by Informant 6/12/67		Date of Report 6/12/67 Date(s) of activity 6/12/67
Brief description of activity or material Meeting of Klaverns #6, UKA, at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, 6/12/67.		File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

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 - 1 - 157-1668 (BLAND)
 - 1 - 157-1562 (BURD)
 - 1 - 157-1554 (HEFLIN)
 - 1 - 157-1730 (HUNTSINGER)
 - 1 - 157-2054 (KENT)
 - 1 - 157-1697 (KUEHNER)
 - 1 - 157-1509 (MC BROOM)
 - 1 - 157-2058 (MC LAMB)
 - 1 - 157-1701 (PIERSON)
 - 1 - 157-1406 (TAYLOR)
 - 1 - 157-2059 (WILLIAMS)
 - 1 - 157-1114 (CIP)
 - 1 - 157-2019 (SHAW)
 - 1 - 157-2075 (HUDSON, GLEN)
 - 1 - 157-2056 (HUDSON, TYRONE)
 - 2 - 157-New (FLOYD NIVENS)
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June 12, 1967
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

On June 12, 1967 at 8:40 PM, There was a regular meeting of the UKA, Unit#6 held at 232 SW 30 Street in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

There were 15 men present who were KUEHNER, BURD, MC BROOM, TAYLOR, HEFLIN, SHAW, TYRONE AND GLEN HUDSON, ANDERSON III, PIERSON, BLAND, MC LAMB, HUNTSINGER, WILLIAMS AND A VISITOR FROM NORTH CAROLINA WHO ASK TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO #6 but has to wait for the EC to receive a letter from his N.C. Unit EC. NAME: FLOYD NIVENS
71 NE 56 Street,
(Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.)

NIVENS arrived in Florida TWO DAYS ago, and has an appointment with DAN ZBIN tomorrow (June 13, 1967) in reference to employment as a truck driver. NIVENS was vouched by BURD (who drove him to the meeting) after the man said he DID NOT know the National Password of 1967, as well as 1966. NIVENS showed a North Carolina Dues Card paid up through APRIL 1967, and paid BURD (the Kligrapp) for MAY AND JUNE TONIGHT(6-12-67)

MC LAMB told the EC that his NEW ADDRESS was ;
1317 SW 23 Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida ,
and gave his Business phone number as LU1-8801.

BURD turned over a letter of Transfer over to the EC who announced that one of the "latest" members has moved to ORLANDO.

It was noticed that the letter was sent to BURD from

Robert B. PEARCH SR. (Kligrapp)
Apt. #7, Bldg. #7
Forrest Homes, Orlando, Fla.

The letter also disclosed the Uka, address in Orlando as ;

UKA
Unit#12, Province #3
P.O. BOX #16691
Orlando, Fla.

The letter stated that JIMMY KENT who is now residing at 2822 SANKA DRIVE, (Bonneville) ORLANDO, FLA. has applied for transfer into the local unit, and requests transfer. Also that the robe that is on order be sent to the above address.

The EC asked for all Honorary Membership Cards to be turned in as a change has to be made on them. The Imperial Office wants the cards to carry the following information before giving its approval; "THIS CARD IN NO WAY MEANS THE ~~BEARER~~ BEARER IS OR HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA. BUT IS PRESENTED IN APPRECIATION FOR THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THIS ORGANIZATION."

June 12, 1967
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

THIRTEEN CARDS were turned in by those present.

SHAW asked how the progress was coming on the showing of the "ANARCHY USA" film at the armory.

MC BROOM answered saying that the Armory REFUSED to least the building to the KLAN, and that permission would have to come from "Higher-up". MC BROOM announced that a letter was sent to The Colonel in-charge, in St. Augustine, Fla.

HEFLIN announced that he may be able to get the Carpenters Hall for the showing.

MC BROOM announced that he received a phone call last FRIDAY NIGHT (June 9, 1967) from a member in DELRAY, and MC BROOM said he went to DELRAY and spoke with the member who told him(mc broom) that a WHITE WOMEN by the name of

HELEN GLASS
518 NE 1 Street
Boynton Beach, Fla.

is "carrying-on" with a NEGRO, and literature and letters are to be sent to her.

KUEHNER asked MC BROOM if the Titan would like to shed any light on the "situation" concerning MR. SHELTON, and the Grand Dragon, Robert Jones.

MC BROOM announced that he received a letter from an organization that carried the name of NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE on its letterhead that also showed a list of Cities, and States across the nation stating that The Imperial Wizard, ROBERT M. SHELTON was SUSPENDED until FURTHER NOTICE along with J. ROBERT JONES. MC BROOM said that he telephoned the National Office and spoke with "the big-man" who said that there was NO TRUTH in it, and that "THEY" never heard of a committee of that nature. MC BROOM said that the National Office advised him that the whole thing was dreamed up by FEDERAL AGENTS, JEWS, AND SOME KLANSMEN WERE ALSO INVOLVED. MC BROOM stated that in the letter from NIC it was stated that the Grand Dragons were to send copies to all of the exalted cyclops, and to tell them NOT TO SEND ANY NATIONAL DUES TO THE NATIONAL OFFICE. The letter stated that there would be a KLONOVATION in SEPTEMBER of 1967, a letter would be sent out to the men as to the date at a later date.

MC BROOM then asked the EC if he(kuehner) wanted him(mc broom) to discuss the information he(mc broom) received from the middle-of-the-state today (June 12, 1967) which the EC stated, "NO, I DON'T THINK THAT WOULD BE NECESSARY".

It was heard later that MC BROOM received a call by phone from JOHN PAUL ROGERS, TITAN of Province #2, that BILL RICHARDSON was calling a STATE MEETING to be held JUNE 17, 1967 at 2:00 PM in ORLANDO, FLA., to discuss the NIC LETTER, and other KLAN BUSINESS WHICH HE CONSIDERED AN EMERGENCY. It was also heard that MC BROOM immediately related the conversation to the Unit #6 EC KUEHNER who advised him to call SHELTON to verify if RICHARDSON had the authority to call a State Meeting. MC BROOM, after

talking by phone with SEXTON(Imperial Kligrapp)of the Imperial Office, called KUEHNER by phone and said that the Imperial Office would get a NEWSLETTER in the mail advising the FOUR TITANS of FLORIDA that all State Meetings MUST BE APPROVED AND ANNOUNCED BY THE NATIONAL OFFICE.

MC BROOM also stated while discussing the NIC LETTER, that the Imperial Office told him that they are AWARE OF AN FBI INFORMER IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA WHO IS LEAKING OUT INFORMATION TO THE FEDERAL AGENTS. MC BROOM said he asked SEXTON if he (sexton) would give him(mc broom) a hint as to "what part of the state" they felt the informer was located. SEXTON'S reply (according to mc broom) was, "IN THE CENTRAL PART OF THE STATE".

During the "Edification of the Klan", the EC who announced that Klokard, ANDERSON JR. was on vacation, and that he(kuehner) would read a paragraph from the "Constatution" Article 20, Section, 3. This section concerned "MINOR OFFENSES", and states that the EC has the authority to suspend any member who arrives at a meeting while intoxicated, and that members were not to take a drink before or during a meeting. The reading of the passage was obviously directed to HUNTSINGER although no names were mentioned, because of the chaos of last weeks meeting which left most of the members discussing his drinking and the smell of alchohol on his breath each week. And it was heard before the meeting that the EC(kuehner) was prepared to suspend HUNTSINGER at tonights meeting.

The EC stated after reading the Article that he was given a "verbal" mandate from the Titan earlier in the day that THIS section of the constitution be inforced along with the carrying of firearms into the Klavern, which the EC stated that he had been "lax" on in the past.

MC BROOM then took the floor and stated that there was no reason for any guns being in the Klavern, and that White Men shouldn't ACT LIKE NIGGERS by drinking before a meeting in order to get up courage to debate.

The meeting lasted until approximately 10:15 PM.

It was noticed that HUNTSINGER walked up to MC BROOM and was heard saying that IT WAS THE FIRST TIME HE(huntsinger) WAS EVER CALLED A NIGGER, and handed MC BROOM his MEMBERSHIP CARD, KLORAN, KLAN IN ACTION, AND CONSTITUTION, and walked out of the Klavern.

MC BROOM then went up to the EC's desk and repeated what HUNTSINGER had said and handed the EC the books, and Dues Card. KUEHNER was heard saying to MC BROOM, "He made it easy for us." MC BROOM then stated, "IT'S FOR THE BEST".

During the meeting a raffle was held for 50¢ a chance (donation) on SHELTON'S BIOGRAPHY, "THEY SAY I'VE GOT BLOOD ON MY HANDS." which took in \$7.00, and was won by the visitor from NORTH CAROLINA, Mr. NIVENS.

ALL were gone by 10:35 PM, and it was noticed that NIVEN'S and KUEHNER was driven home by BURD.

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Brief description of activity or material <u>Meeting of Klavern #6, UKA, at</u> <u>Fort Lauderdale, Fla. on 5/29/67.</u>		File where original is located if not attached <div>FOIA(b) (7) - (D)</div>

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- 1 - 157-514 (UKA)
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- 1 - 157-1562 (BURD)
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Fort Lauderdale, Florida
June 6, 1967

On the evening of May 29, 1967, the regular weekly meeting of the Klavern #6 of the UKA was held at the Klan building, 232 S. W. 30th Street, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

The meeting was precided over by the Exalted Cyclops of this Klavern, FRED KUEHNER. In addition, to the Titan of Providence #1, SAM MC BROOM, the following Klansmen were in attendance:

JESSE TAYLOR

ARTHUR J. ANDERSON, JR.

OLEN ABERNATHY

GEORGE HUNTSINGER

WILLIAM GRIFFIN

PDQ BURD

DANIEL ZBIN

HERMAN HEFLER

MC LAMB

GOODMAN

ARTHUR J. ANDERSON, III

DENNIS MORGAN

PETER SHAW

JOHN PIERSON

one unidentified individual who came to the meeting with PETER SHAW and was sworn in as a new member.

This unidentified individual is described as a white male, age 30-32, 5'10", 165-170, black hair, and clean-cut in appearance.

It was mentioned that a rummage sale was held each Sunday at the Thunderbird Drive-In on Sunrise Blvd., and that the Klansmen should bring goods to be sold at this rummage sale in order to raise money for the treasury. The rummage is sold Saturdays and Sundays between 6:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. OLEN ABERNATHY mentioned that Klansmen should donate blood at the Broward General Hospital to the Klan blood bank.

Matches were passed out at the meeting which were purchased from the Imperial Office at Tusclaoosa, Alabama. These matches cost the unit \$25 a case and contain a picture of GEORGE WALLACE advocating his election to the Presidency and an application for UKA membership is contained inside the match cover.

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Brief description of activity or material Leon Blanton - Vero Beach, needs money desperately.		File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Remarks:

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- 1 - 157-355 (UKA)
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2. Return original to SA TULLY for authentication.

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The money needed was for the four klansmen that had been arrested in Melbourne, Fla., on 5/16/67 and subsequently forfeited \$848.00 in bonds. Blanton had put up the money out of his own pocket.

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Date: 7/7/67

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

To: SAC, Miami (157-1114)
From: ✓ Director, FBI (157-9-29)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS - DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
NSRP (PROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA)

ReMMairtel 6/22/67.

The counterintelligence suggestions as made in above-referenced airtel are well founded and appreciated. Consideration is being given them by the Bureau at this time, and it is felt that additional investigation will be required. You should forward to the Bureau the description of the NSRP hate literature which would be given to Gene Struhl.

You are also requested to furnish your comments concerning the possibility of advising Sergeant Joseph Mazur of the Proward County Sheriff's Office to contact Struhl as contrasted to identifying Mazur to Struhl. This would alleviate the possibility of the identification of the Bureau as the original source. You should, therefore, describe Mazur's reliability, trustworthiness and previous association with the Bureau.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS - DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(NSRP, BROWARD COUNTY, FLA.)

Re Miami airtel 6/22/67 and Bureau airtel 7/7/67.

Miami contemplates furnishing STRUHL with recent issues of "Thunderbolt", the official NSRP newspaper. This public source material is replete with vicious attacks on minority groups.

As an example, the most recent issue of "Thunderbolt" advances the theory that the Middle East War was the result of a conspiracy between Moscow and Israel to further "Communist-Jew" conquest of the world. Such patent nonsense should have a terrific impact on the majority Jewish citizenry of the Miami Beach area in exposing the NSRP.

STRUHL will also be furnished with an NSRP pamphlet urging the return of the American Negroes to Africa.

Sergeant JOSEPH MAZUR has proven in the past to be most reliable and trustworthy in his dealings with the Bureau. He is considered an outstanding law enforcement officer who has always appreciated the Bureau's pre-eminent role in law enforcement work.

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If the Bureau approves this suggestion, Miami will inform MAZUR of WCKT's proposed program so that he can take the initiative in contacting this studio and volunteer his services.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/30/67

EDGAR G. HAMILTON, United States Commissioner, was interviewed at his office, suite 620, Comeau Building, West Palm Beach, Florida. At the out set of the interview he was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and that the Agents wished to discuss with him a recent incident in Okeechobee, Florida, in which Okeechobee County School Superintendent CARL T. DURRANCE was allegedly assaulted by one JOHN T. BOWLES.

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by SAs ROBERT SCHACHNER and HAROLD K. PARSON Date dictated 6/26/67

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(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Klan Leader Flynn's Trial For Vote Violation Oct. 9

Court of Record Judge Robert J. O'Toole has continued the case of Ft. Lauderdale Ku Klux Klan leader Leon Stephen Flynn until Oct. 9 for trial by jury.

Flynn, 31, of 1629 NW 15th Place, has been charged with violation of voting laws in an affidavit by court officials who said he voted illegally in the May 3, 1966, primary election. The charge stemmed from his alleged denial of having been convicted of a felony at the time he registered to vote. He was convicted of rape in Trenton, N.J., in 1955. Flynn has pleaded innocent of the voting law violation.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

11B**FT. LAUDERDALE NEWS****Fort Lauderdale, Fla.****Being followed**Date: **7/12/67**

Edition:

Author:

Editor:

Title:

**RE: KLAN LEADER FLYNN'S
TRIAL SET FOR OCT.**

Character: **1114**
[MM 157 - 1468]

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- 1 - 173-172 (Attack on CARL DURRANCE)
- ① - 157-1114 (CIP)
- 1 - 157-2072 (JAN HAMILTON)
- 1 - 157-552 (FLOYD LEITNER)
- 1 - 157-1910 (J. BOWLES)
- 1 - 157-1965 (P. MURPHY)
- 1 - 157-1935 (J. BAXLEY)

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2. Channelize to designated files.
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DERRY HICKS
EDGAR HAMILTON

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**Ft. Pierce, Florida
July 8, 1967**

JAN HAMILTON was overheard stating that his father EDGAR HAMILTON had come from West Palm Beach, Florida to the Okissimnee Restaurant and the two engaged in a heated argument over JAN HAMILTON having allowed the Okeechobee Klavern URA to meet at the Okissimnee Restaurant. As a result, JAN HAMILTON reportedly quit as manager of the restaurant and the restaurant will be closed until November.

There was initially a discussion among the Okeechobee Klansmen to meet at the residence of PAUL MURPHY, N. Highway #441 and then it was decided that the meetings would be held in a trailer housing a concession stand on the Kissimmee River Dike near the residence of Mrs. LELIA LEITNER, Highway #78.

FOIA(b) (6)

JAN HAMILTON and FLOYD LEITNER are talking in terms of going to Alaska to work. LEITNER's brother is already in Alaska. No definite plans are being made in this regard.

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IS - DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY)
RM (ORGANIZATION)****ReMMairtel 7/10/67.**

You are authorized to furnish Gene Struhl with recent copies of "The Thunderbolt." Insure that he will not disclose the source of these publications.

You are also authorized to contact Sergeant Mazur and advise him of the forthcoming television show being produced by Struhl. Insure that Mazur understands that he is not to disclose the fact that the FBI had contacted him in this matter.

The Bureau's interest must be protected in this matter. Keep the Bureau advised of all steps taken as well as a description of the television show exposing Harley and the NSRP.

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SAC, MIAMI (157-1114)

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

OO: Miami

Re Miami airtel to the Bureau 6/21/67.

On 7/8/67, [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] advised that EDGAR G. HAMILTON, reportedly contacted his son, JAN HAMILTON at the Okissimmee Restaurant, Okeechobee, Fla., in recent days. A heated argument ensued over JAN HAMILTON having allowed the Okeechobee Klavern of the UKA to hold meetings in the restaurant. As a result of this argument, JAN HAMILTON has reportedly resigned from his job as manager of the restaurant (which is owned by the HAMILTON family co-operation), and the restaurant has been closed until 11/67.

Meetings of the Okeechobee Klavern have been moved and are scheduled to be held in a trailer located near the residence of Mrs. LELIA LEIGHTNER, Route 78, Okeechobee, Fla. Mrs. LELIA LEIGHTNER is the mother of FLOYD LEIGHTNER, a member of the Okeechobee Klavern, UKA.

Informant also stated that there had been some discussion by JAN HAMILTON and FLOYD LEIGHTNER of a possible trip to Alaska for employment where FLOYD LEIGHTNER's brother is already employed. There were no definite plans made, however, it is intimated that HAMILTON might be avoiding testimony in the fall regarding the charges against JOHN T. BOWLES, for his assault on the Okeechobee school superintendent.

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SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

OO: Miami

Investigation has revealed that NATHAN FRANK PLATT is a member of the Okeechobee Klavern, UKA, Okeechobee, Fla., and holds the office of Kligrapp (Secretary). It has further been determined that he is employed by the State of Florida as a Cottage Father at the Okeechobee School for Boys, a State Correctional Institution, at Okeechobee, Fla.

PLATT was interview by FBI Agents on 6/26/67, at which time he indicated a pride in being a member of the KKKK and intended to continue his membership. There was some indication however that he might not wish his superior to have knowledge of his Klan affiliation. In the past, agents of the Miami division have had numerous contacts with Mr. WILLIAM SULT, Superintendent of the State School for Boys at Okeechobee, and he has always been very cooperative.

Bureau authority is requested to contact Mr. SULT and advise of PLATT's affiliation with the Okeechobee Klavern of the UKA. It is not felt that such a contact with Mr. SULT would in any way cause embarrassment to the Bureau.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 3 - Miami
 - (1 - 157-1114)
 - (1 - 157-1451) (Okeechobee Klavern)
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Brief description of activity or material Meeting of Klavern #6, UKA, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., on 6/26/67. State Titan's Meeting scheduled for 7/2/67, at Ft. Lauderdale.		

REMARKS:--

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- 1 - 157-1993 (TALBOTT)
- 1 - 157-1406 (TAYLOR)
- 1 - 157-2059 (WILLIAMS)
- 1 - 157-1464 (ZBIN)
- ① - 157-1114 (CIP)
- 1 - 157-2137 (NEVINS)
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ACTION:

1. Airtel and LHM previously submitted re Titan's Meeting.

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Ft. June 26, 1967
Lauderdale, Fla.

On June 26, 1967 at exactly 8:30 PM there was a meeting of the UKA, Unit#6 held at 232 SW 30 Street in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

There were SIXTEEN members present who were KUEHNER, STEPHENS, HUNSINGER, MC BROOM, ANDERSON III, MORGAN, ABERNATHY, TAYLOR, HEFLEN, TALBOT, MC LAMB, WILLIAMS, ZBIN, CLAY ABERNATHY, BLAND, and NEVINS. (pending transfer from North Carolina.)

The EC read a Newsletter from the Imperial Office, which stated that the Fiery Cross Magazine would start regularly in July. And that the Watts Line is discontinued in order to pay for the Equipment such as a "adjustor writer". The letter also stated scheduled rallys in Mississippi, Tennessee.

The EC also read a personal letter he received from the Imperial Office stateng that they were going to press on the magazine the first of the week (June 26) and was in need of the photostat of the cover that was promised by the EC.

KUEHNER also stated that he spoke with SHELTON by telephone at approximately 5:00 PM this day and received a contract from the Imperial Office to PRINT the covers for the magazines to save time in order to get the publication out on time.

The EC also brought along 1500 sheets of literature to be sold to the unit thru the office of the Titan.

It was announced that the EC would be on Television this upcoming Friday, June 30 th at 9:30 PM in an interview on Channel SEVEN (Miami, Fla.)

MC BROOM announced a Ladies Auxillary Meeting Tuesday, June 27, 1967 to be held at the Klavern on 30th Street (8:00PM) *Py*

MC BROOM said a TITANS MEETING consisting of the 4 (FOUR) PROVINCES which will include the Exalted Cyclops, and the local unit's secretary, and treasurer would be held NEXT SUNDAY ~~JUNE~~ JULY 2, 1967 at TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON (2:00 PM)

MC BROOM also stated that Ft. Lauderdale was picked because its the home base of the Titan of Province #1, and in NINETY DAYS, there will be another such meeting in Province #2, and Province #3, ninety days after that one, and ending with Province #4 haveng one another ninety days later. These are the EQUIVALENT to the the past STATE (GRAND DRAGON'S) MEETINGS that used to be held. All Titans are to attend all four meetings, along with their EC'S, and his two officers.

MORGAN announced that the FBI payed a visit to him at his place of business, after phoning his boss, asking if he was at work, (but not revealing who was calling.) MORGAN said they (fbi) asked him if he knew TALBOT, and A.J. ANDERSON, and wanted to know if the Klan had any "violence" planned for the future, and if any was brought up, if he (morgan) would notify them. They also mentioned that they (fbi) knew that A. J. ANDERSON had purchased an *Py*

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MORGAN said he handled the interview VERY WELL, and the FBI men left with a different attitude than when they arrived. MORGAN said the TWO MEN came EXACTLY TWO DAYS AFTER HE(morgan) HAD DONATED BLOOD AT THE BROWARD GENERAL HOSPITAL IN THE NAME OF UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA. HE(morgan) felt that the hospital turned in all the names of the men who donated.

MC BROOM had a share of stock belonging to GRADY LUNSFORD(deceased) and said the widow could use the money if someone would purchase it. The EC suggested that next week the share be raffled off ^{at} \$2.00 per ticket.

KUEHNER showed 100 feet of film that the men hadn't seen that he and BOYD HAMBY took up in North Carolina.

The meeting was ran through speedily by the EC who stated that he wanted to TAPE the WARREN COMMISSION program that was on TV at 10:00 PM, and also get some sketches out to the Imperial Office that had to be in the mail in the morning.

It was heard that the EC was going to remove STEPHENS from the office of Treasurer, and have BURD handle both jobs, but BURD was absent and it was ~~tabled~~ postponed. It was also heard that STEPHENS will replace PIERSON as KLALIF(vice president) because his wife wants him(pierson) out of the Klan. PIERSON has already agreed to stay as a member-at-large paying dues as long as his wife doesn't find out.

Last weeks MOTION that was tabled concerning the EIGHTEEN YEAR OLD APPLICANTS was discussed, and AGAIN TABLED by the EC.

It was noticed that TALBOT was FLASHING a 38 Special revolver in the Klavern, and THREE of the members were heard saying that they wished he would not bring the gun to the Klavern.

The meeting lasted until exactly ^(9:40) 9:40 PM, and the men hurriedly left, and were all gone by 10:00 PM.

FLOYD NEVINS was heard asking a few of the members if anyone was interested in purchasing a "30-30" rifle for \$15.00, if so to see him at where he works at the TEXACO STATION on the corner of OAKLAND PARK BLVD., AND N. ANDREWS AVENUE.

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Brief description of activity or material Meeting of Klavern #6, UKA, Incorporated, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, on June 19, 1967.		File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

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- 1 - Birmingham (105-722) (Info) (RM)
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- 1 - 157-514 (UKA)
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- 1 - 157-1424 (ABERNATHY)
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- 1 - 157-1558 (ARTHUR ANDERSON, III)
- 1 - 157-1668 (BLAND)
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- 1 - 157-1435 (QUATERMAN)
- 1 - 157-1339 (RIDDLEHOOVER)
- 1 - 157 New (JAMES A. KEEFER)

- 1 - 157-new (JACK STEPHENS)
 - 1 - 157-2137 (NEVINS)
 - 1 - 157-1457 (ROTHROCK)
 - 1 - 157-1757 (STEPHENS)
 - 1 - 157-1993 (TALBOTT)
 - 1 - 157-1406 (TAYLOR)
 - 1 - 157-2059 (WILLIAMS)
 - 1 - 157-1464 (ZBIN)
 - 1 - 157-1381 (FINANCES)
 - 1 - 157-1114 (CIP)
 - 1 - 157-601 (NSRP)
 - 1 - 157-93 (STONER)
 - 1 - 157-2143 (ROBERT EDWARD JONES)
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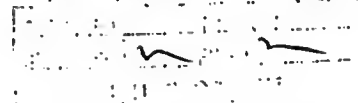
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1. Open new active case on JAMES KEEFER, RM (KLAN) (OO: MIAMI)

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2. Open new dead case on JACK STEPHENS, RM (KLAN) (OO: MIAMI)

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June 19, 1967
Ft; Lauderdale, Fla.

On June 19, 1967 at approximately 8:35 PM there was a meeting of the UKA, Unit#6 held at 232 SW 30 Street in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

There were TWELVE (12) members present who were, KUEHNER, HUNTSINGER, STEPHENS, BURD, MC BROOM, TAYLOR, HEFLIN, GOODMAN, TALBOT, MORGAN, ABERNATHY, and the North Carolina member who is waiting for his transfer to Unit #6 FLOYD NEVINS.

There were THREE applications for membership who were the following:

JACK STEPHENS Age 52
Pompano Beach, Florida

ROBERT EDWARD JONES Age 22
433 SW 1 Avenue, Apt# 4
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33301
Employed by- City of Ft. Lauderdale
(can be reached at phone no. 522-8082
(profession:Gravedigger)

JACK A.KEEFER
2292 SW 60 Street
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

The latter TWO will be "checked-out", and the first (stephens-spelling unknown) was vouched by Olin ABERNATHY, and will be sworn-in at the next meeting.

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MORGAN asked if he could donate blood at the Miami Hospital as he works in Miami. The hours given by ABERNATHY to those who could give in Ft. Lauderdale were 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM daily, and 9:00 AM- 11:30 AM, Saturdays.

The EC announced that he had received THREE LETTERS from the Imperial Office, A newsletter containing an OFFICIAL MANDATE, and TWO PRESS RELEASES, ONE FROM R. M. SHELTON, THE OTHER FROM MELVIN SEXTON. All three were read on the floor.

KUEHNER announced that he was called by RIP RIDDLEHOOVER who told him that BOB GERRY of Radio Station WGMA wanted a "taped-interview" with the BROWARD COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE of the KLAN, but the EC said he turned the information over to the TITAN(mc broom)

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MC BROOM announced that he received a letter from an EIGHTEEN YEAR OLD GIRL who is married to an 18 yr. old man who wants to join the Klan.

This brought up the Controversial issue of CHANGING the age of members again. After much discussion on the subject the EC read a paragraph from the Constitution stating that the applicamt MUST BE 21 Yrs. of Age.

STEPHENS insisted on making a MOTION stating that the change be made back to 18 yrs. old and that TWO KLANSMEN VOUCH for the applicant. The MOTION was SECONDED by HUNTSINGER. THE MOTION WAS TABLED BY THE EC(kuehner) until such time as he can receive a ruling that the Klan will not be charged with "CONTRIBUTING"

ABERNATHY was appointed ~~Chairman~~ Chairman of the LAW COMMITTEE to investigate with Law Official if the Klan would be held liable.

It was heard during the Recss that Delray is getting started towards organizing a unit. MC BROOM was heard telling KUEHNER that he is going to DELRAY saturday to see a man by the name of JESS TAYLOR (no relation to the Unit#6 member) and another man. (name unknown)

The meeting ended at approximately 10:15 PM and the men left the Klavern but TAYLOR, HEFLIN, MC BROOM, ABERNATHY NEVINS STEPHENS and BURD talked outside for approximately a half-hour.

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Brief description of activity or material Receipt of National Intelligence Committee letter causes consternation among Florida Klansmen.		File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

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- 1 - Birmingham (105-722) (Info) (RM)
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- 1 - 157-1697 (KUEHNER)
- 1 - 157-1737 (RICHARDSON)
- ① - 157-1114 (CIP)
- 1 - 157-1509 (MC BROOM)

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ACTION:

1. Bureau advised of results of CIP action by airtel.

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Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
June 20, 1967

On June 9, 1967, SAM MC BROOM, Great Titan of Province #1, United Klans of America, received in the mail a letter addressed to him in care of the Klan Building, 232 SW 30th St., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

This letter contained the letterhead of the National Intelligence Committee of the United Klans of America, Inc., and purported to represent a committee of Klansmen formed to hold a hearing concerning the suitability of the Grand Dragon of the State of North Carolina, ROBERT JONES, to continue in office after certain allegations had been made against him.

This letter stated that the findings of this committee resulted in the expulsion of JONES from the Ku Klux Klan and also that the Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON would be temporarily suspended from the UKA because of his failure to take action against JONES after certain charges were made that JONES had misappropriated Klan funds and refused to hold an election in his state.

MELVIN SEXTON, Imperial Kligrapp was appointed Imperial Wizard protempore in SHELTON's place.

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should advise Klansmen if inquiries were made concerning the letter, that the letter was destroyed.

It was the concensus of these Klansmen that the letter was either prepared by disgruntled Klansmen under the leadership of the Reverend GEORGE DORSETT and perhaps BOYD HAMBY, former Grand Dragon for the State of Fla., or by the Anti-defamation League of B'Nai Brith or in cooperation with some agency of the Federal Government.

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7/19/67

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-64)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-1550) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
UKA, INC., KKKK

Re Bureau radiogram to Tampa 6/2/67.

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

The source was able to supply full details of RICHARDSON's past activities, as well as his current activities.

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

LEON BLANTON, Vero Beach, Florida, that RICHARDSON had prepared a black list letter and had sent it to various UKA leaders in the State, and among those UKA members on the list were FOIA(b) (7) - (D) and JACK EDWARD DENNETT, a former close associate of RICHARDSON, now purported to be the Exalted Cyclops of the newly formed Oak Hill Klavern.

Tampa is attempting to obtain a copy of instant letter.

SHELTON advised that he would personally handle the RICHARDSON matter when he came to Florida in the near future to attend a rally in Orlando.

3 - Bureau (RM)
1 - Jacksonville (Info) (RM)
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**Tampa will continue to be alert for further
counterintelligence proposals.**

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Miami (157-1114)

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (157-9-29)

DATE: 8/1/67

PERSONAL ATTENTION

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)

Reurlet 7/19/67 which requested authority to advise Mr. William Sult, Superintendent of the State School for Boys at Okeechobee, Florida, of the Klan affiliation of Nathan Frank Platt.

Authority is granted for your office to advise Governor Claude R. Kirk, Jr., of Florida, and Mr. William Sult of the Klan affiliation of Nathan Frank Platt.

The Special Agent in Charge of the Miami Office is instructed to prepare, over his signature, separate letters to Governor Kirk and Mr. Sult in accordance with Section 122A, 13, page 4c, of the Manual of Instructions, which covers information concerning Klan membership of police and law enforcement officials. Furnish one copy of each letter to the Bureau. Advise of any tangible results.

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Brief description of activity or material Meeting of Ft. Lauderdale Chapter, NSRP on 7/9/67. Consideration given to showing pornographic movies at some future meeting.		File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

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- 1 - 157-1408 (CLAY ABERNATHY)
- 1 - 145-0 (ITOM)

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ACTION:

1. Return original for authentication.
2. Consider CIP action in connection with obscene films.

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July 18, 1967
Hollywood, Florida

On the evening of July 9, 1967, the weekly meeting of the Ft. Lauderdale Chapter of the NSRP was held at Abernathy's Garage, 1927 SW 1st Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

The meeting commenced at 6 PM and concluded at 7:15 PM.

The chairman BOB QUARTERMAN was not present and in his absence RIP RIDDLEHOOVER presided. Those in attendance were:

BOB MURRAY
CLYDE from Ohio
OLEN ABERNATHY
Unknown member - Secretary
RAY JONAITIS

J. B. STONER sent a letter congratulating the chapter on its progress along with the charter, containing the officers' names.

NSRP literature was passed out and members urged to drop the propaganda material in public places.

Each member was urged to seek and recruit new members.

The secretary suggested that obscene movies be shown at some future meeting. He said he would endeavor to obtain these films.

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Brief description of activity or material <u>Meeting of Ft. Lauderdale Chapter of NSRP on 7/16/67. Plan to obtain anti-Semitic material and mail to Jews.</u>		File where original is located if not attached <u>FOIA(b) (7) - (D)</u>

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 1 - 157-93 (STONER)
 1 - 157-1408 (CLAY ABERNATHY)

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1. Return original for authentication.
2. Identify 1967 Fla. license #10W45523.

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July 18, 1967
Hollywood, Florida

On July 16, 1967, the Ft. Lauderdale Chapter of NSRP met at Abernathy's Paint and Body Shop, 1927 SW 1st Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

The meeting started at 6:00 PM and ended at about 7:45 PM.

The meeting was presided over by BOB QUARTERMAN. Those in attendance were:

"RIP" RIDDLEHOOVER
CLYDE from Ohio
RAY JONAITIS
OLEN ABERNATHY - Treasurer
BOB MURRAY
3 unidentified members

CLYDE went to Lums Restaurant to pick up a new member known only as "TINY." "TINY" never showed up.

BOB QUARTERMAN said he was going to obtain some literature exposing the Jews and then obtain a Jew mailing list so it could be sent to them.

\$9.00 was collected so stamps could be bought for this mailing purpose.

No action taken on proposed plan to vandalize night clubs.

\$2.00 in dues was collected from each member.

QUARTERMAN said he was attempting to arrange to rent a new hall for future meetings.

One of the members arrived in an Oldsmobile bearing 1967 Florida license number 10W45523.

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)

8/2/67

SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)

Re Bureau letter to Miami, 8/1/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of a letter to Governor CLAUDE R. KIRK, JR., Governor of the State of Florida, and one copy of a letter to Mr. WILLIAM SULT, Superintendent of the State School for Boys at Okeechobee, Florida, regarding NATHAN FRANK PLATT, III, and his affiliation with the Klan.

The source used in these letters is FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
FOIA(b) (7) - (D) The information was corroborated when PLATT was interviewed by Agents of the FBI on June 26, 1967, at which time he admitted membership in the Okeechobee Klavern of the UKA.

Miami will follow and keep the Bureau advised of any tangible results.

2 - Bureau (Enc-2) (RM)

② - Miami

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Post Office Box 52-157
Biscayne Annex
Miami, Florida 33152
August 3, 1967

The Honorable Claude R. Kirk, Jr.
The Governor of Florida
Tallahassee, Florida

Re: Nathan Frank Platt, III
Staff Member
Florida State School for Boys
Okeechobee, Florida

Dear Governor Kirk:

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised that Nathan Frank Platt, III, is an active member and officer of the Okeechobee Klavern of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

During investigation, it has been determined that Platt is a staff member of the Florida School for Boys at Okeechobee, and in view of his employment, information regarding his Klan affiliation is being furnished to you on a confidential basis. This information is also being brought to the attention of Mr. William Sult, Superintendent, State School for Boys at Okeechobee, Florida.

If any action is taken by your office or by the State School for Boys at Okeechobee, Platt's Klan membership should be established by independent investigation, as this Bureau is unable to produce witnesses to testify at any necessary hearing.

The above is being furnished for whatever action deemed advisable by you.

2 - Addressee
1 - Bureau (157-9-29)
② - Miami

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Very truly yours,

F. A. FROHBOSE
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 52-157
Biscayne Annex
Miami, Florida 33152
August 3, 1967

Mr. William Sult
Superintendent
Florida State School for Boys
Okeechobee, Florida

Re: Nathan Frank Platt, III
Staff Member
Florida State School for Boys
Okeechobee, Florida

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If any action is taken regarding Platt's Klan affiliation by your department, Klan membership should be established by independent investigation, as this Bureau is unable to produce witnesses to testify at any necessary hearing.

The above is being furnished for whatever action deemed advisable by you and your department.

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1 - Bureau (157-9-29)
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Very truly yours,

F. A. FROHBOSE
Special Agent in Charge

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-5623)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON
RM - KLAN
(00:TP)

Re Tampa airtel to the Bureau, 7/31/67.

The suggestion set forth in referenced communication is excellent and appears to have considerable merit. The following comments set forth by Miami are for possible consideration:

1. The petition may be too well written and detailed for only one or two klansmen to have prepared. It therefore appears to be too professional.

2. Furnishing of the letter and petition to informant may tend to alert informants to the existence of the Bureau's counterintelligence program.

3 - Bureau (RM)
2 - Tampa (157-2968) (RM)
1 - Jacksonville (Info) (RM)
② - Miami ① - 157-1114 (1 - 157-1737 RICHARDSON)
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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-5623)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-2988) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON
RM - KLAN
(OO: TP)

Re Tampa airtel to Bureau 5/17/67 and Bureau airtel to Tampa 6/6/67.

For the information of the Bureau, Miami and Jacksonville, the activities of WILLIAM RICHARDSON, 11ten, Province Three, Florida continue to plague the Tampa Division and the people of Florida. Most recently he was involved in a melee at the Burger Queen Restaurant in New Smyrna, Florida in which two Klansmen, JOHN DAVIS and TONY BROWNING were arrested for assault on several teenagers at the restaurant. All Tampa informants, both in the UKA and the USKK have reported that RICHARDSON is a hated man in both organizations. However, he has not been removed from office because most members are afraid to take the appropriate action for fear of reprisals by RICHARDSON and his henchmen.

Enclosed for the Bureau and other offices is a copy of a petition and letter that Tampa offers as a method of removing RICHARDSON from office. Tampa proposes that this letter and attached petition be mailed, from Titusville, Fla. to at least two or three members of each Klavern in Province Two and Three in the State of Florida.

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Tampa is reasonably sure that positive results can be obtained from the Melbourne Klavern, Orlando Klavern, Lake Wales Klavern, and possibly the Vero Beach Klavern. This should be a sufficient number to force SHELTON into some kind of action. Any other response will add weight to the problem.

It is further noted that a copy of the letter and petition will be sent directly to SHELTON to alert him to what he can expect to be sent to him in the future. The letter will be unsigned due to the fact that RICHARDSON probably would take punitive action against any individual that would sign the letter.

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The charges contained in the petition all have strong basis in fact and have been the general complaints against RICHARDSON in Klan circles for some time.

If SHELTON ignores the petitions submitted to him, it will give birth to another grievance against SHELTON himself and his inability to act. In addition, the mere fact that Klansmen sign the petition will crystalize opposition to RICHARDSON in the UKA in Florida and thus cause further dissension in the ranks.

Tampa will prepare the letters with suitable grammatical errors, on plain white paper and will mail same in plain envelopes to insure the security of the operation. It is not felt that the above plan will endanger any informant in any way, nor reveal the hand of the Bureau in the matter.

Bureau authority requested to immediately implement the above suggestion. Jacksonville and Miami invited to comment on the above suggestion.

8/1/1967

Dear :

Attached you will find a copy of a petition that we are going to send to the Imperial Wizard, charging Bill Richardson with numerous violations of the Klan Constitution and By Laws. We are hopeful that Mr. Shelton will either bring Richardson to trial or just plain kick him out of the Klan. We can't tolerate this no good bum any longer. We hope that you will take this petition to the next klavern meeting and get as many to sign it as you can, then send it to Mr. Shelton as soon as you can. We think that if something isn't done about Richardson soon he will ruin the UKA in Florida, not to mention steal us all blind.

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PETITION

We, the undersigned, petition his Lordship, Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America, Inc. Knights of the Ku Klux Klan to either remove or bring to trial, William H. Richardson, Titan, Province Three, Realm of Florida for the following reasons:

1. His arrests in Plant City, Florida; St. Catherine, Fla., and Titusville, Fla. on charges ranging from attempted murder to excessive speeding have brought the entire UKA into disrepute in Florida. In addition he has been instrumental into corrupting other klansmen whose subsequent arrests in Melbourne, Florida and New Smyrna, Florida have brought the prestige of the UKA in Florida to its absolute lowest level.
2. He has not given a proper accounting of funds that he allegedly collected for a "defense fund" for klansmen. We charge he has converted these funds to his own use.
3. He illegally and without cause, disbanded the Eau Gallie Klavern. This was done without their approval or consent. He forced members of long standing to resign by threats of harm to them and their families if they did not.
4. He and his close associates bring, and expose, firearms at Klavern meetings. They boastfully use these firearms to threaten members who do not go along with their will.
5. He threatens public officials and uses gross profanity at rallies and other public functions. Thus causing great embarrassment to Christian Klansmen and their families.
6. He has used his influence on young klansmen to enlist their support in illegal activities and their arrests have ruined their lives.

We, submit the above charges, knowing them to be honest and true, and hopeful the Imperial Wizard will hear our plea to take action against this man before all dignity is lost.

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To: SAC, Tampa (157-2968)
From: ✓ Director, FBI (157-5623)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON) 157-1737*

ReTPairtel 7/31/67 captioned "Counterintelligence Program; William H. Richardson; RM - Klan."

Authority granted for your office to mail the letter and attached petition, from Titusville, Florida, to two or three members of each klavern in Provinces 2 and 3 in the State of Florida and 1 copy of each to Imperial Wizard Robert Shelton.

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The letter and petition should be prepared with suitable grammatical errors, on plain white commercially-purchased stationery and envelopes to insure the security of the operation. Insure that Bureau interests are protected. Advise of any tangible results and be alert for follow-up counterintelligence measures.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS - DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY)
RM (ORGANIZATION)

Re Bureau airtel to Miami, 7/18/67, and Bureau
O-1 Form, 8/9/67.

For the information of Baltimore, the Bureau recently approved a counterintelligence measure regarding the production of a 30 minute TV program relating to extremist organizations (NSRP and UKA), operating in South Fla., by Channel 7, WCKT-TV.

Channel 7 has recently conducted several interviews to determine if sufficient material of the type needed can be obtained for the program.

On 6/22/67, CONNIE LYNCH of the NSRP, formally launched the NSRP organizational drive in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

It would, therefore, appear helpful for Channel 7 to prepare their program if they had public information regarding LYNCH's arrest in Baltimore for inciting a riot some two years ago.

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Baltimore is requested to review their file and/or check the morgues of local newspapers for public source material regarding LYNCH's activities in Baltimore. In addition, check local arrest regarding LYNCH and furnish details, including disposition, to the Bureau and Miami.

Upon receipt of the public source material and the details regarding LYNCH's arrest, the Bureau is requested to review this matter to determine if it can be furnished to GENE STRUHL of WCKT-TV for preparation of his TV show.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-3623)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-2968) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON

RM - KLAN

(OO:TP)

ReTPairtel to Bureau, 7/31/67, and MMairtel to Bureau, 8/3/67.

For the information of the Bureau, Miami and Jacksonville, a meeting between WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON, NORMAN CARTER, COLEMAN DICKSON and GEORGE PRICE, all members of the former Eau Gallie Klavern, was held on 8/5/67. The purpose of the meeting was to try and regain a UKA charter for the Eau Gallie Klavern. RICHARDSON refused to reinstate the charter and the above-mentioned Klansmen told RICHARDSON that they would resign from the UKA and notify ROBERT SHELTON of RICHARDSON's illegal actions.

By letter dated 8/7/67, the above-mentioned Klansmen sent a letter to SHELTON resigning from the UKA and accusing RICHARDSON of illegal lifting of the charter of the Eau Gallie Klavern, UKA.

It is apparent from recent events that the suggestions set forth by Tampa in reairtel that it has more merit at this time, particularly in view of the action by CARTER, PRICE and DICKSON. None of these individuals

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are or have been informants and it would appear at this time as if they would receive credit for originating the petition. Tampa suggests that the petition must be received by SHELTON before the UKA Klonvocation on 9/2-3/67, in order that he might be forced to act upon same before the opening of the convention. Since SHELTON is up for re-election, it would be reasonable to conclude that he would be forced to placate the petitioners by removing RICHARDSON as titan in order to secure, or retain their votes in the election.

Miami's comments were appreciated. However, the petition can easily be altered with appropriate grammatical errors, etc. in order for it to appear less professional.

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This action should preclude any deduction that the Bureau was initially responsible for the petition.

Early Bureau approval is requested to implement the suggestions set forth by Tampa.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-5623)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-2968) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(WILLIAM RICHARDSON)
(OO: TP)

Re TP airtel 8/17/67.

The following is furnished for the Bureau's information to bring the Bureau abreast of current developments. These suggestions should supplement those previously submitted by this office.

A. Within recent weeks JASON KERSEY, Grand Dragon, United Florida Ku Klux Klan (UFKKK) wrote a letter to the Orlando newspapers stating that he was very unhappy about the publicity that had been received by WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON as a result of arrest of RICHARDSON. KERSEY, in his letter, stated that he wanted to go on record as letting the public know that RICHARDSON was not affiliated with the UFKKK but with the United Klans of America, Inc., (UKA).

With the permission of KERSEY, three members of the UFKKK from Orlando, FOIA(b)(7) - (D) made a trip on 8/1/67 to see RICHARDSON. RICHARDSON was then holding a meeting and the Orlando UFKKK members were permitted to present their gripes to those attending the meeting.

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RICHARDSON's explanation was that the TV and press had only presented one side of the story and that in a few days he was going to make a press release in order to make the true facts available.

B. RICHARDSON and JACK BENNETT used obscene and profane language publicly during the rally on 7/22/67 at Oak Hill, Fla. and considerable, unfavorable comment was overheard as a result of this. In fact, some people at the rally left because they were offended by such language.

C. It is obvious that RICHARDSON is ambitious and in this regard, it is noted that BENNETT introduced RICHARDSON at the Oak Hill rally as the next Grand Dragon for the State of Florida.

D. During the night of August 6, 1967, a fire was detected on property used by the UKA near Orlando. An out building was completely destroyed and a main building was slightly damaged. This property is located on Eaw Lige Lane off Chickasaw Trail, East of Orlando, and near Highway 50.

The property used by the UKA near Orlando is actually owned by the Florida Pioneer Club (FPC). The UKA is paying the utilities on the property and apparently the taxes. This is the same property on which the UKA held a rally and cross burning the night of 8/5/67.

Several incidents took place on 8/5/67 involving UKA members and juveniles in that area. Arson has been suspected in connection with the fire; however, it is noted that the sheriff's office at Orlando was quoted as saying that no evidence of arson had been uncovered.

It is further noted that RICHARDSON has, in his capacity as Grand Titan of the UKA for Province 3, come to Orlando since the fire and has urged the UKA members to take violent action against the juvenile suspected of this fire.

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During the night of 8/10/67, according to informant, young males from the Union Park area were seen in the vicinity of the above property. It is noted that armed klansmen were on the property and in that vicinity to head off the intruders and that a shooting incident probably would have taken place had the intruders been seen. The sheriff's office was called but their presence on the property and in the vicinity did not solve any of the problems.

Prior to the FPC breaking off from the Old Florida Ku Klux Klan (FKKK), the property in question was considered to be owned by the FKKK in that the trustees of the property were members of the FKKK. Later, the UFKKK (successor to the FKKK) used the property for klavern meetings, state and regional meetings.

REQUESTS

1. Authority is requested to exploit, through informants and other means, the differences between the UKA and the UFKKK with the view of undermining RICHARDSON's position in the UKA.

The UKA has invaded the territory of the UFKKK in establishing a UKA klavern in Orlando and is using property formerly used by the UFKKK. It is requested that authority be granted for the Tampa office to instruct UFKKK informants in the Orlando area, such as

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that the UKA has invaded the territory of the UFKKK in Orlando and that the UKA and RICHARDSON, in particular, are trying to destroy the property that rightly should belong to the UFKKK.

2. Since RICHARDSON and BENNETT have used crude and obscene language on occasion of a public rally, Tampa would like authorization to divulge this information on

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a strictly confidential basis to friendly sources in the mass media at Orlando and possibly by Jacksonville at Oak Hill, Fla. Orlando has a cooperative, and friendly source in WFTV Channel 9, Orlando, and in RAY RUESTER, news director. It is noted that JOE BRECHNER, Vice President and General Manager of the station is a SAC contact. It is further noted that the UKA has carried on a smear campaign against WFTV and RUESTER for some time. It is felt that there is a good chance that RUESTER would run an editorial on the Oak Hill rally and the use of obscene language on the part of RICHARDSON. It is also felt that RUESTER would not divulge the Bureau as his source of information. It is noted that WFTV had a cameraman at the Oak Hill rally and that the cameraman's film was fogged by the UKA security guard when the cameraman took unauthorized pictures.

Dear Brother,

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1. His arrests in Plant City, Florida, St. Catherine, Florida and Titusville, Florida on charges of attempting murder and speeding have made the Klan lose respect in Florida. Other Klansmen have been arrested because of his actions in these Florida cities. This has caused the prestige of the UKA to be brought to the lowest rank possible.
2. He has not given an accounting of funds that he claims is to be used for a defence fund for Klansmen. We charge he has used the money for himself.
3. He disbanded the Eau Gallie Klavern without the permission of the members and this is not legal. He has made threats against members and their families and he has forced old members to resign from the Klavern.
4. He and his group, bring and show guns at Klavern meetings. He and his group boast they will use the guns on members who don't go along with them.
5. He has threatened public officials and used profanity at rallies and public meetings. This is embarrassing to Christian Klansmen and their families.
6. He has influenced young Klansmen to aid his unlawful acts and many of them were arrested and this has ruined their lives.

These charges are true and honest. We hope his Lordship will listen and act against William Richardson for the good of The United Klans of America, Inc. And for the good of all Klansmen.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-5623)
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-2968) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON)

ReTPairtel, 8/9/67, and Buairtel, 8/10/67.

Attached herewith for the Bureau and recipient offices is a copy of a letter and petition which will be mailed at Titusville, Fla., on 8/17/67.

The letter and petition were prepared on plain white commercially-purchased stationery and envelopes.

As requested in ~~reTPairtel~~ FOIA(b)(7) - (D) information concerning receipt of the letter and petition is brought to the attention of the contacting agent to preclude any deduction that the Bureau was responsible for the petition.

The letter and petition were mailed to the following:

BIRMINGHAM:

ROBERT SHELTON
Imperial Wizard
United Klans of America, Inc.
Post Office Box 2369
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

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JACKSONVILLE:

LLOYD WILLIAMS
10521 Briandcliff Road East
Jacksonville, Florida

G. A. NEWSOME
Route 1, Box 175
Summerfield, Florida

BOBBY GRAHAM
912 Hillcrest Rd.
Tallahassee, Florida

ORIN POTITO
P.O. Box 1739
Ocala, Florida

JOHNNY CRISMAN
4416 Kendall Rd.
Jacksonville, Florida

Oceanway C. B. Club
P.O. Box 18222
Jacksonville, Florida

MIAMI:

FRED G. KUEHNER
820 East Oakland Park Blvd.
Oakland Park, Florida

JIMMIE H. DELX
Holts Catfish Restaurant
Okeechobee, Florida

LEE J. GRANINS
P.O. Box 593
Pahokee, Florida

IVEY WADRON, JR.
U.S. Highway 98
DeSoto, Florida

TAMPA:

HOMER CANADA
Sunset Ave.
West Melbourne, Florida

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NORMAN CARTER
1987 Garner Ave.
Eau Gallie, Florida

JOHN GREEN
989 Wickham Road
Eau Gallie, Florida

LLOYD DOLER
3636 Kelly Road
Hins, Florida

BOBBY MIZE
3355 Elder Street
Titusville, Florida

BOB ROACHE
2513 Garno Road
Eau Gallie, Florida

CHESTER SLOAN
4999 94th Avenue N.
Pineallas, Florida

JOHN ROGERS
Rt. 1, Box 119
Sabson Park, Florida

JAKE PEPPERS
Box 318B, Route 1
Lake Wales, Florida

JIMMY BOLDEN
Route 1, Box 260
Lake Wales, Florida

E. R. JONES
414 W. Oakridge Avenue
Orlando, Florida

BUD MAREK
Castle Farms
1507 Star Rd.
Orlando, Florida

TP 157-2968

**ELBERT STEVENSON
4319 Chantille
Orlando, Florida**

It is requested that recipient offices advise the Bureau and Tampa of any tangible results obtained as a result of the letter and petition.

Tampa will be alert for follow-up counterintelligence measures.

8/28/67

AIRTEL

REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS - DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(HALTON LEON BLANTON)
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

FOIA(b)(7) - (D) advised that BLANTON, Exalted Cyclops of Klavern #14, UKA, Vero Beach, Florida, is experiencing financial difficulties due to having paid out \$848.00 in forfeited bonds for four Vero Beach Klansmen. The four were arrested in Melbourne, Florida, by local police immediately after burning a cross in front of a Negro night club on 5/16/67.

According to FOIA(b)(7) - (D) BLANTON, who owns and operates Leon's Shoe Repair Shop, Vero Beach, Florida, is two months in arrears in his rent and will soon be three months in arrears. He rents an area in the Miracle Plaza Shopping Center, Vero Beach, which is owned by Mr. CAL KOVENS, 1770 Bay Road, Miami Beach, Florida.

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CAL KOVENS has been a defendant in the Chicago - HOFFA case and an antagonist of the Bureau since the inception of the HOFFA investigation which commenced in January 1961. KOVENS has been convicted in Federal Court and his case is presently on appeal. Miami would not want to contact KOVENS as such would lend itself to further KOVENS' aims to embarrass the Bureau.

Therefore, Miami requests Bureau authority to mail an anonymous letter from Vero Beach, Florida, complaining about BLANTON who holds KKK meetings at his shoe repair store in the Miracle Plaza Shopping Center. BLANTON's strong anti-semitic views could be called to KOVENS' attention, it being noted that KOVENS is of Jewish origin.

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To: SAC, Tampa (157-2968)
From: Director, FBI (157-5623)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(WILLIAM RICHARDSON) *Ref 157-1139*

ReTPairtel 8/17/67.

Bureau authority is granted to implement your recommendations set forth in referenced airtel.

Be certain your proposals are handled with the utmost discretion and that Bureau interests are protected at all times. Advise the Bureau of tangible results.

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date Dictated _____ to _____ Transcribed _____ Authenticated by Informant 8/6/67		Date of Report 8/6/67 Date(s) of activity 7/31/67
Brief description of activity or material Meeting of Klavern #6, UKA, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., 7/31/67. Discussed distribution of Klan literature		File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

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(1 - 157-1558) (ARTHUR ANDERSON, III)
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August 6, 1967
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

On July 31, 1967, at approximately 8:30 P.M., there was a regular meeting of the UKA, Unit #6, Ft. Lauderdale held at 232 S.W. 30th Street.

Among those present were the following:

KUEHNER, BURD, STEPHENS, ABERNATHY, ANDERSON JR., ANDERSON III, MORGAN, ZBIN, MC BROOM, TAYLOR, HEFLEN, WILLIAMS, SHAW, MC LAMB, NEVINS, TALBOT, GETTENDER, CLAY ABERNATHY, CARLSTEDT and a visitor from Unit #1, Titusville, who now lives in Miami and is transferring into Unit #6, a Reverend CRIBBS.

It was agreed that as many men who could participate, would meet at the building Thursday, August 3rd to clean up the mess left by the men who put up the new petitions in the Klavern and also straighten up the recreation room.

The EC introduced some new literature that was purchased by ABERNATHY that morning and reported that the money for it was donated by a JEW who asked that the word JEW be removed from the "old literature" that was copied, and replaced the word with "RED" and where the word "JEWISH" appeared, it would be replaced with the word "COMMIE".

ANDERSON, JR., objected to making deals with Jews, and also said that the minister from the NSRP who originally wrote the article would sue, or be upset about the changes. ABERNATHY said that the name was not the same minister's name that was on the original, so there would be no trouble. Also the new minister's name was solicited and got approval to use his name.

Later it was heard that the name Rev. JAMES G. FOREST, that was on the literature was FICTITIOUS, and made up by ABERNATHY.

CARLSTEDT asked if the letter to the school board was sent that the EC was to have written last week. The EC apologized and said that it would be written and sent out in the up coming week. The letter was to reprimand the school board for taking the "Pledge of Allegiance" out of the classrooms after the 1st Grade, particularly at Oakland Park Elementary School, in Oakland Park, Florida.

HEFLEN asked if anyone could donate paint for the new partition in the Klavern, he (HEFLEN) would come in and paint it.

HEFLEN also said that he attended the trial of ALCEE HASTINGS' wife, who was standing trial for shoplifting and she was released without any fine.

ZBIN related that he collected money from ALIENS to pay for the News Flashes that were got out last Friday when it was rumored that a Negro riot was to hit Ft. Lauderdale.

ANDERSON asked the EC how the literature was got out without the approval of the Titan, which KUEHNER answered to with the EC gave its permission, and according to Unit by laws the EC has full authority in these matters.

MC BROOM asked that the secretary read the minutes of the last April meeting, which states that all literature must be approved by the Titan.

The secretary read the minutes of April and May and could not find anything that stated MC BROOM's statement.

KUEHNER read the Constitution regarding the Exalted Cyclops and accented the part that states that the Exalted Cyclops is the Supreme Ruler of the Unit and has full authority in all matters.

ZBIN took the floor and complimented the EC for the great job that was done in getting the literature out.

The EC asked all the men present to return next week with 25 names out of the phone directory, which is located in the N.W. section of Ft. Lauderdale, especially names which are Negro sounding names. He stated that a mailing project is under way to send literature to Negroes in Ft. Lauderdale.

Everyone present agreed to return with 25 names.

A welcome was extended to Rev. CRIBBS who said he is transferring into the unit. He said he now lives in Miami and is a minister of the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Miami.

This man is believed to be the same man who was (name) sent in from the Imperial Office a few weeks ago, saying for someone to call on a TOBY CRIBBS, 1135 N.W. 104th St., Miami, (tel) 635-5337.

STEPHENS reported that the picnic was a success but more planning is needed for the next project of that kind.

Mention again was given the National Meeting which will be held at the Statler Hotel in Tuscaloosa, Ala., on September 2, 1967, at 11:00 A.M.

STEPHENS passed around five "Letters to the Editor" to be sent to the Ft. Lauderdale News, which he asked that different men should sign rather than "he" sign them.

The meeting ended at approximately 10:30 P.M. It was noticed that TAYLOR, HEFLEN, KUEHNER, STEPHENS and BURD drove to Lester's Diner where they discussed the meeting.

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AIRTEL

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-355)
FROM : SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS - DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(HALTON LEON BLANTON)
RM - KLAN

Re Tampa letter to Miami, 8/24/67,
captioned "UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.;
RM - KLAN".

Referenced letter sets forth information
obtained FOIA(b) (7) - (D) regarding letter
purporting to be issued by the "Disciples of the
Communist Manifesto", which was distributed
around Vero Beach, Florida, by LEON BLANTON.

Miami would like to determine if
BLANTON made public statements to the effect
he had distributed the letter, which might
have legitimately come to the attention of
the press. If so, Miami contemplates furnishing
same to appropriate local news media in line
with the CIP program. There has already been
some publicity on the matter and the press is
anxious to publish the identity of the source.

Tampa is requested to contact appropriate
informants in the above regard and expeditiously
advise results while the matter is relatively
current.

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SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(LEON STEPHEN FLYNN
FBI # 618 96 C)

Re Miami airtel to Bureau dated 4/24/67, captioned as above. Reference is also made to Miami report of SA WILLIAM D. NEUMANN dated 2/14/67, entitled "LEON STEPHEN FLYNN, aka, RM-KLAN."

Mrs. ANGELINE WIER, County Solicitor, Broward County, Florida, advised on August 30, 1967, that FLYNN is scheduled to go on trial on October 9, 1967, on charges of Election Law violations.

She also stated that FLYNN is going to be tried on charges of making an obscene telephone call, stemming from his arrest on May 28, 1967, at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, by Sheriff's Deputies, while in a telephone booth placing an anonymous obscene telephone call. No date has been set for this trial as yet.

Miami Klan informants have advised that since FLYNN's arrest and exposure as a Klansman in February, 1967, he has completely severed all relations with the Ku Klux Klan, and has not been involved in any matters relating to the racial field.

Miami is placing FLYNN's substantive 157 file in a closed status, however, the outcome of his trial for Election Law violations will be reported to the Bureau under the caption of this letter.

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Windshield into which a man's head crashed in a Saturday morning accident on the Parkway. Despite severe loss of blood and deep lacerations, he was treated at hospital and walked away. (Staff photo by Ed Gluckler)

Turnpike Crash a Mystery

A man's head crashed through the windshield of an uncontrolled car on the Sunshine State Parkway at the Fort Pierce Service Plaza Saturday morning, and despite considerable loss of blood and severe throat lacerations, he walked away from Fort Pierce Memorial Hospital after treatment. Highway Patrol Troopers Frank Brass and T. C. Tinkley said they were unable to understand his recovery, as he was taken to the hospital by ambulance in deep shock.

He was Karl J. Wilkerson,

29, of Fort Lauderdale, owner of a sports coupe the troopers estimated averaged 75.6 miles per hour between toll plazas.

Robert W. Murray, 25, of Hollywood, determined to have been the driver, was charged with speed too great for conditions, and a full-scale investigation was launched by the Highway Patrol into circumstances surrounding the incident.

Murray was lodged in St. Lucie County jail under \$100 bond, which was later posted and he was released.

Neither Murray nor a third

occupant, in the rear seat, Charles B. Riddlehoover, 34, of Fort Lauderdale, was injured.

Brass and Tinkley said they found Wilkerson in a pool of blood after the car hit the service station ramp, north-bound, at high speed and in a heavy downpour of rain.

The car travelled 72 feet off the pavement to a culvert, then 25 feet more with right wheels in the ditch and left on top of the culvert, at which time Wilkerson was believed thrown into the windshield.

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THE SUNDAY NEWS
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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)
FROM : SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS - DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY)
RM (ORGANIZATION)

Re Miami airtel, 8/11/67.

Channel 7, WCKT TV is continuing to develop information needed to prepare a TV program regarding the National States Rights Party (NSRP). It is noted they have been in contact with CHARLES B. RIDDLEHOOVER of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, a motivating force behind the NSRP in Broward County and in addition, covered the National Convention of the NSRP held in Jacksonville, Florida, 8/26/67.

On 8/27/67, the "News Tribune", a Ft. Pierce, Fla., newspaper, reported an article captioned "Turnpike Crash a Mystery". Two Xerox copies of this article are enclosed for the Bureau.

Based on the time of the accident it would appear the three individuals in the automobile, including RIDDLEHOOVER, were en route to Jacksonville, Florida, to attend the National NSRP meeting. It is believed the information in this article would be of as-

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sistance to Channel 7 in preparing their TV program.
Bureau authority is requested to make available to
Channel 7 a copy of the enclosed newspaper article.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Miami (157-1114)

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (157-9-29)

DATE: 9/5/67

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(HALTON LEON BLANTON)
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Reurairtel dated 8/28/67.

In view of Cal Kovens' background, it is not believed the recommended anonymous letter should be sent to him.

The interest which prompted you to submit the proposal set out in referenced airtel is appreciated and you are encouraged to continue your imaginative efforts in connection with the counterintelligence program.

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TO: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114)
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3073) (RUC)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS - DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(HALTON LEON BLANTON)
RM- KLAN

Re Miami airtel to Tampa, 8/31/67.

On 9/8/67, [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] advised that there was no mention of the letter reported to be issued by the "Disciples of the Communist Manifesto", made by LEON BLANTON at the recent Orlando, Florida, UKA rally. Source advised that BLANTON referred to the letter in conversation with a group of five or six Klansmen at the rally. He said, however, that he overheard subject refer to the letter in various conversations with other Klansmen throughout the audience.

[FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] was of the opinion that BLANTON's discussions could have been overheard by anyone in the crowd at the rally, but advised that he made no reference to it in his speech.

It is apparent that any publication by Miami news media would not endanger source's position.

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To: SAC, Miami (157-1114)
From: Director, FBI (157-9-29)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - DISRUPTION
OF HATE GROUPS (NATIONAL STATES
RIGHTS PARTY)
RACIAL MATTER (ORGANIZATION)

ReMiamiairtel 9/1/67.

You are authorized to furnish the article mentioned in reairtel to Gene Struhl. Insure that Struhl understands that he must through public source information verify the attendance of the three occupants of the car at the National States Rights Party (NSRP) convention.

Miami should also advise the Bureau of the contemplated date for the television production by Struhl.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)

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INTERNAL SECURITY - DISRUPTION
OF HATE GROUPS (NATIONAL STATES
RIGHTS PARTY)
RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)

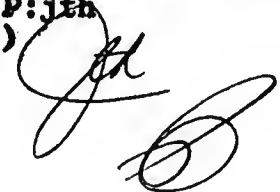
Re Bureau airtel to Miami, 9/12/67, and
Miami airtel to Bureau, 8/11/67.

On September 13, 1967, GENE STRUHL, News
Director, Channel 7, WCKT-TV, advised that the NSRP
Program being prepared under his direction will be
taped on September 14, 1967, for airing on Sunday
evening, September 17, 1967. The program has been
entitled "Thunderbolt on the Right" and will be
narrated by WCKT News Reporter WAYNE FARRIS.

The information requested in Miami airtel
of 8/11/67, for Baltimore to review newspapers and
public source material regarding LYNCH need not be sent
to the Bureau, since it would not arrive in time to be
used on this television program. Baltimore is requested
to furnish Miami any information they have concerning
LYNCH for possible future reference.

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9/18/67

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - DISRUPTION
OF HATE GROUPS
(NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY)
RM (ORGANIZATION)

Re Miami airtel to Bureau, 9/13/67.

On Sunday evening, 9/17/67, WCKT-TV, Channel 7, Miami, Fla., presented their 30-minute subject entitled, "Thunderbolt on the Right," an expose-type program on the NSRP.

GENE STRUHL, News Director at Channel 7, advised that this program was shown from 6:30 to 7:00 P. M. The audience rating period for this time spot indicates that between 150,000 and 200,000 persons in the area from the Palm Beaches to Key West, Fla., viewed this program.

The production of this film cost Channel 7 approximately \$1,000. It was narrated by WAYNE FARRIS, WCKT news reporter. After the showing of this program, over 60 telephone calls were received by Channel 7, all of which, with few exceptions, were favorable.

According to STRUHL, 60 calls are about the maximum number of calls ever received on a similar type program. This type program usually results in receiving approximately 20-30 telephone calls.

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STRUHL stated that he will have a survey run on the receipt of mail concerning this program and furnish the Bureau with results of the tabulation.

STRUHL stated, based on the favorable audience reaction of this program, a special showing of it was made for the owner of Channel 7 on the morning of 9/18/67. Based on the results of this showing, Channel 7 now contemplates preparing a kinescope recording of the film for replay at a later date and for the purpose of making the film available to social and church groups for private showings.

For the information of the Bureau, this program dealt primarily with the NSRP in the State of Florida, and on a local level. The first part of the program consisted of filmed recordings of interviews and speeches by NSRP leaders at the National Convention held in Jacksonville, Fla., on 8/26/67.

The second part of the program concerned the NSRP organizational drive in South Florida and the rally held in Ft. Lauderdale, 5/22/67.

Local leaders of the NSRP were exposed by publication of their photographs and their refusal to be interviewed by reporters. The fact that CHARLES B. RIDDLEHOOVER threatened two of the interviewing reporters with violence was reported to the public. Their places of employment were photographed and shown to the public.

The program had a shocking impact on listeners as J. B. STONER accused ADOLPH HITLER of being too moderate in his handling of the Jews.

Through confidential informants, Miami will ascertain additional tangible results of this program and the affect it has had on individual NSRP members. This information will be reported in the near future.

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To: SAC, Miami (157-1114)

✓ From: Director, FBI (157-9-29)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS - DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(NSRP)
RM (ORGANIZATION)

ReMMairtel 9/18/67.

The contents of above airtel are appreciated as well as the sound and constructive counterintelligence proposal submitted by Miami in this matter. If during the course of your liaison with WCKT-TV a situation arises whereby a copy of the proposed film could be obtained, it would be most appreciated and utilized for training and educational purposes by the Bureau.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(NSRP; UKA, INC.)
RM (ORGANIZATION)
RM (KLAN)

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of an editorial reprint from 9/21/67 issue of the "Ft. Lauderdale Tribune," entitled "Sincerely Yours.... John Powell."

Re Miami airtel to the Bureau dated 9/18/67, reporting results of WCKT-TV, Channel 7, Miami, Fla., presentation on 9/17/67 of special program entitled "Thunderbolt on the Right," an expose of the NSRP.

Enclosed editorial extols the value of WCKT-TV's program and urges its readers to communicate with their lawmakers to protest NSRP activities.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D) have both reported since presentation of this program that exposure of NSRP members in Broward County has so disrupted this organization that the Ft. Lauderdale chapter has voted to disband as such and discontinue meetings due to pressure applied to members by their employers.

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GENE STRUHL, News Director at WCKT-TV, confidentially advised on 9/22/67, that due to the positive response to this program, he intends to show the program again at a later date as well as present a follow-up program dealing with Ku Klux Klan activity in South Fla.

STRUHL stated that the chairman of the State Committee of the National Republican Party has requested that a special showing of this program be made available for the chairman and his staff. STRUHL agreed and has scheduled to show the film at WCKT-TV studios on 9/26/67.

In addition to this group, Anti-Defamation officials, who have also requested a private showing, will be invited to view the film at that time.

STRUHL also stated he received a telephone call from a Mr. HAIR, manager of Pony Express, Inc., Ft. Lauderdale office. Pony Express was identified on this program as the employer of three (3) NSRP members, all of whom are convicted felons.

HAIR told STRUHL that his New York City Headquarters had heard of this program and directed HAIR to obtain full details.

In connection with STRUHL's intention to prepare a follow-up program exposing the Ku Klux Klan, he has requested FBI cooperation, on a strictly confidential basis, in furnishing public source and lead material on the Klan.

STRUHL is not aware of the fact that UKA, Inc., is planning rallies in Fla. in October, 1967, and that Imperial Wizard ROBERT M. SHELTON will appear as a speaker at the rallies.

Bureau authority is requested to advise STRUHL of the forthcoming rallies and SHELTON's schedule to appear in South Fla. Bureau authority is also requested to furnish STRUHL with public source and lead material on the UKA, Inc., in South Fla.

This will be done in a most confidential manner with the clear understanding that the Bureau's interest therein will not be disclosed to anyone.

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STRUHL is a trusted friend of the Bureau and Miami assures that dealing with him will not result in embarrassment to the Bureau.

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Sincerely
Yours...

John Powell



The NATIONAL STATES RIGHT PARTY has become prominent enough in Florida and in other parts of the United States that Channel 7 gave quite a bit of time to their behalf last Sunday evening. I don't know how many of you were fortunate enough to see it but if you ever have another opportunity, don't miss it.

IT WAS PROBABLY THE MOST DISGUSTING DISPLAY OF HATE I'VE EVER HEARD. The screen showed several men who are leaders in this political party. They speak as you would imagine an insane man to talk. They literally want to exterminate the Negroes and Jewish people from the face of the earth. The national leader of this group said, "When we get through with the Jews and Negroes, people will think Adolph Hitler was a Sunday School Teacher."

The program was quite lengthy so I can not quote everything I heard but these men should be silenced. There are several of them in Ft. Lauderdale and Broward County who are spearheading this program. There was a recent gathering at a bar-b-cue Spot in West Broward where some 76 of the N.S.R.P. met for a rally.

Mr. Wayne Ferris, who narrated the T.V. show, gave backgrounds on the men. Many of them had prison records and while there is nothing wrong with doing a good hard days work in any job, none of the men had ever amounted to much, certainly not to where you could consider them gifted as leaders of our society.

These men are just as great a danger to our way of life as are the Rap Browns who holler for death and violence against the white people. Why are they dangerous? . . . because the far out people who are getting so much national attention are doing this primarily to feed their egos. Being unable to attract attention, popularity, and prestige for themselves in a normal manner, they go way out to the extent of being dangerous to our well being. A normal person doesn't act like this. Hitler had only about 20% of the German population convinced of Nazism, but that was enough to control the masses. You and I had to fight a war because of these insane radicals.

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The
FT. LAUDERDALE TRIBUNE

Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Date: 9/21/67

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RE: NATIONAL STATES
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Don't say it couldn't happen here. The Negro extremists and the white extremists could gather enough of a following so that civil clashes would take place in our country. The innocent people will suffer, black and white alike, if irrational groups such as the N.S.R.P. are allowed to grow. They, in my opinion, are a definite threat to our national security and just as important, they represent a threat to my family and myself. I hope you are as concerned about yourself and your family.

I have editorialized time and time again about the importance of every normal adult of voting age to voice their opinions where they will do some good. Normal people do the normal things. . . one of them is apathy towards running our country. Sure, we all complain to neighbors and friends but normal people can not afford to sit back any longer and let these extremists warp minds. We are faced with a very serious racial problem in this country. These white lunatics are making the problem much more serious.

I think Wayne Ferris and Channel 7 did a good job of ridiculing the N.S.R.P. but who knows, even though it was unfavorable publicity, there may be some nuts who, looking for personal recognition and excitement might think it would be great to belong to such an extremist group. Pretty soon they start believing these terrible things. It's catching.

I think our modern day system of communication is great but I think sometimes it would be better not to give publicity to these rabble rousers.

If you saw the program, I hope you let our lawmakers in Washington know how you feel about this N.S.R.P. They are not fit to be called Americans. They are not fit to be called people.

9/26/67

AIRTEL

REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)

Re Bureau letter to Miami, 8/1/67, authorizing Miami to advise Governor CLAUDE R. KIRK, JR., of Fla., and Mr. WILLIAM SULT, Superintendent of the State School for Boys at Okeechobee, Fla., of the Klan affiliation of NATHAN FRANK PLATT.

Separate letters were sent to Governor KIRK and Mr. SULT in accordance with the Manual of Instructions.

Since that time, Mr. SULT advised of the receipt of instant letter. He inquired as to what action he should take and was advised that the Bureau could not make any recommendations in this regard. Mr. SULT has given no indication of being a Klan sympathizer, however, appears to be taking no definite action in this regard other than a proposed conference with PLATT, in which he will point out the possible embarrassment to the school should PLATT's relationship with the Klan and particularly any possible arrests be publicized. Mr. SULT describes PLATT as a good employee and one whom he would hate to have to dismiss. He did not indicate receipt of any instructions in this regard from the Governor's office nor from the head of the State Correctional System.

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Jacksonville is requested to advise of any previous contacts with either of the above offices in Tallahassee, Fla., in regard to Klan membership of state employees, and their policy in this regard.

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Sincerely
Yours...

John Powell



A thousand pardons to the BAR-B-Q SPOT located on south State Road 7 in West Broward. In last week's column, I referred to "a bar-b-cue spot" where the N.S.R.P. met for a "HATE MEETING." Instead of using the word "spot", I should have said restaurant. The owners of the BAR-B-Q SPOT surely have nothing to do with the N.S.R.P. and I hope no one misunderstood my choice of words. It was an unfortunate coincidence and choice of words.

Speaking of the BAR-B-Q SPOT, they have a second restaurant up on north Federal Highway just about where you cross over into Pompano. Both spots specialize in the best tasting ribs you've ever had. If you haven't tried it, you've got a treat in store for you.

There is a physician in Hollywood, Fla., that is becoming known for his work in inaugurating a program called "Teenage Alert". Dr. David J. Lehman, Jr., has been practicing internal medicine for the past 14 years. Like many dedicated physicians and interested parents, Dr. Lehman is vitally interested in civic affairs, especially when "The Devil" started casting his spell over more and more of our teenagers. The problems of crime and drugs, narcotics, alcohol etc., and their effects have become widespread among young people.

With the backing of the Broward County Medical Association and an impressive list of community leaders on the board, Dr. Lehman headed up this program to warn our youth of such perils that could ruin their lives. As the program gained momentum, so did Dr. Lehman gain in this crusade. Channel 5 in West Palm carried a half

hour discussion with Dr. Lehman and a group of young people. Miami TV also carried it - he has the full cooperation of Congressman Paul Rogers, he's been interviewed by Columnist Jim Bishop, has just two weeks ago appeared on the Mike Douglas Show. Dr. Lehman hopes to appear on the Johnny Carson Show, which will help to make "Teenage Alert" the nationwide program so long overdue.

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The FT. LAUDERDALE
— TRIBUNE

Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-5623)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-2968)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON *TRY - 157-1737**

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For the information of the Bureau, JOHN MC ALEENAN, a staff writer for the "Today" newspaper, Cocoa, Fla., recently contacted the Cocoa RA and advised that he was presently writing an article for the paper on the UKA in Brevard County, and its leader, WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON. MC ALEENAN was seeking information and was advised that information contained in FBI files was confidential and could not be furnished to him. However, he was given encouragement to continue his research and was advised to contact Lt. ROBERT MITCHELL, Eau Gallie, Florida PD, as he was knowledgeable regarding the UKA. As a result, MC ALEENAN interviewed MITCHELL and thereafter NORMAN CARTER of the Eau Gallie Klavern.

MC ALEENAN furnished the completed article regarding the UKA to SA EDWARD J. TULLY on 9/30/67 and advised that it would begin on 10/1/67 and would

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continue, in four parts, through 10/4/67.

A review of the article gives preliminary indication that it will be a fatal blow to any desires on the part of RICHARDSON for the office of Grand Dragon, as he is extensively quoted to the effect that he is the "best man in the State for the job." In addition, the entire dispute between RICHARDSON and NORMAN CARTER over a recent petition sent out against RICHARDSON was uncovered by MC ALEENAN and is discussed in the article. This will only deepen the wounds caused by the petition and will cause further dissension in UKA circles.

In the past, the Bureau has suggested that Tampa entertain the idea of having a local paper publish an article on the klan, and Tampa feels as if the forthcoming article will suffice at the present time. Therefore, Tampa is taking no action regarding the submission of a suggestion to this effect at this time.

Tampa will insure that copies of the paper reach Miami and Jacksonville in sufficient quantity so that they may be distributed through informants to other UKA members.

Tampa will follow and advise of any concrete results as a result of the article.

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)

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SAC, MIAMI (157-1114)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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Re Miami letter to Bureau, dated 6/27/67.

STATUS LETTER

I. POTENTIAL COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

- A. Klavern 6, UKA, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.
- B. Klavern 14, UKA, Vero Beach, Florida.
- C. Klavern 28, UKA, Okeechobee, Florida.
- D. Klavern 32, UKA, Sebring, Florida.
- omit E. NSRP, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

II. PENDING COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

- A. UKA
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Klan rallies and a visit to South Florida by Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON are planned for October, 1967. Miami has requested Bureau authority to notify

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GENE STRUHL, News Director, WCKT-TV, Channel 7, Miami, regarding the planned rallies and visit of ROBERT SHELTON. STRUHL contemplates preparing a follow-up program, similar to the one on the NSRP, exposing the Ku Klux Klan. In addition, Bureau authority has been requested to furnish STRUHL with public source and lead material on the UKA in South Florida in preparation of this TV program.

III. TANGIBLE RESULTS

A. Vero Beach Klavern #14
UKA
Vero Beach, Florida

Based on a Bureau approved counterintelligence measure, members of the Vero Beach Klavern were arrested in Melbourne, Florida, as they were about to burn a cross on private property. LEON BLANTON, Exalted Cyclops of the Vero Beach Klavern, put up \$848 bond money, which was subsequently forfeited by the Klansmen. This has reportedly put BLANTON in serious financial straits and he has indicated to Klansmen that he was about to lose his business.

B. LEON STEPHEN FLYNN
Former Member of the NSRP
and Klan, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

FLYNN was arrested in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, by local authorities based on information developed by Bureau Agents that FLYNN had illegally registered and voted after having been convicted of a felony. FLYNN is scheduled to go to trial October 9, 1967, on charges of election law violation. Miami Klan informants have advised that since FLYNN's arrest and exposure as a Klansman in February, 1967, he has completely severed all relations with the Klan and has not been involved in any matters relating to the racial field.

C. Klavern #32
UKA
Okeechobee, Florida

Klavern #32 was holding meetings at the Okissimnee Restaurant, Okeechobee, Florida, which is partly owned by EDGAR G. HAMILTON, the father of JAN HAMILTON, and United States Commissioner, Palm Beach, Florida. Commissioner HAMILTON was contacted and information regarding his son's activities in the Klan at Okeechobee and the fact that Klan meetings were being held in the Okissimnee Restaurant, was brought to his attention. As a result, Commissioner HAMILTON contacted his son, which resulted in a heated argument and his son resigned his job as manager of the restaurant, which was subsequently closed. This resulted in the Klan having to find a new location to hold their meetings.

NATHAN FRANK PLATT is also a member of the Okeechobee Klavern and is employed at the State School for Boys at Okeechobee, Florida. Based on Bureau authorization, WILLIAM SULT, Superintendent of the State School for Boys at Okeechobee was contacted and PLATT's affiliation with the Klan discussed. In addition, the matter was furnished to Florida Governor CLAUDE KIRK, in accordance with existing instructions relating to matters of this type. No information has been received that SULT has taken any action in this matter, but he has made inquiries as to what he should do.

D. National States Rights Party
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Based on Bureau approval, GENE STRUHL, News Director, Channel 7 WCKT-TV, was furnished public source material and lead material relative to the activities of the NSRP in the State of Florida, and in particular as it relates to South Florida. STRUHL, through the news department of WCKT-TV, prepared a 30 minute TV program entitled "Thunderbolt on the Right" exposing the NSRP. The program was aired on Channel 7 September 17, 1967, and was well received by more than 150,000 viewers based on telephone calls and letters received by the station. Following the program, an editorial was written for

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the "Ft. Lauderdale Tribune," Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, favorably commenting on the program and urging its readers to communicate with their law makers protesting activities of NSRP.

In addition, two Miami informants have reported that since presentation of the television program exposing the NSRP members in Broward County, NSRP members have voted to disband and discontinue meetings due to pressure applied to members by their employers.

GENE STRUHL has advised that several requests have been received by the station for private showing of the film.

This counterintelligence measure has greatly assisted the Miami Office and will continue to assist the Miami Office in preventing the growth of the NSRP in Florida.

10/5/67

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS - DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(NSRP)
RM (ORGANIZATION)

Re Bureau airtel to Miami, 9/22/67.

On 10/3/67, GENE STRUHL, News Director, WCKT-TV, made available at no cost to the Bureau a kinescope copy (1,080 feet) of their filmed program exposing the NSRP. The film is captioned "Thunderbolt on the Right" and is being furnished to the Bureau for possible utilization for training and educational purposes.

The film is being shipped under separate cover, registered mail.

It is noted that inasmuch as this film is a kinescope of the original, it could not be made in color, as the original was, and as a result, the impact of the film is not as great as it would have been in color.

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Sincerely
Yours...



John Powell

A thousand pardons to the BAR-B-Q SPOT located on south State Road 7 in West Broward. In last week's column, I referred to "a bar-b-cue spot" where the N.S.R.P. met for a "HATE MEETING." Instead of using the word "spot", I should have said restaurant. The owners of the BAR-B-Q SPOT surely have nothing to do with the N.S.R.P. and I hope no one misunderstood my choice of words. It was an unfortunate coincidence and choice of words.

Speaking of the BAR-B-Q SPOT, they have a second restaurant up on north Federal Highway just about where you cross over into Pompano. Both spots specialize in the best tasting ribs you've ever had. If you haven't tried it, you've got a treat in store for you.

There is a physician in Hollywood, Fla., that is becoming known for his work in inaugurating a program called "Teenage Alert". Dr. David J. Lehman, Jr., has been practicing internal medicine for the past 14 years. Like many dedicated physicians and interested parents, Dr. Lehman is vitally interested in civic affairs, especially when "The Devil" started casting his spell over more and more of our teenagers. The problems of crime and drugs, narcotics, alcohol etc., and their effects have become widespread among young people.

With the backing of the Broward County Medical Association and an impressive list of community leaders on the board, Dr. Lehman headed up this program to warn our youth of such perils that could ruin their lives. As the program gained momentum, so did Dr. Lehman gain in this crusade. Channel 5 in West Palm carried a half

hour discussion with Dr. Lehman and a group of young people. Miami TV also carried it - he has the full cooperation of Congressman Paul Rogers, he's been interviewed by Columnist Jim Bishop, has just two weeks ago appeared on the Mike Douglas Show. Dr. Lehman hopes to appear on the Johnny Carson Show, which will help to make "Teenage Alert" the nationwide program so long overdue.

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DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
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Re Miami airtel to Bureau, 9/26/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 3 copies of a follow-up editorial appearing in the "Ft. Lauderdale Tribune," 9/28/67 by JOHN POWELL.

On 10/3/67, GENE STRUHL, News Director, WCKT-TV, again emphasized the excellent results obtained in exposing the NSRP through the film "Thunderbolt on the Right." Mr. STRUHL reported that three schools in South Florida have requested permission to borrow the film for use in their educational programs.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-5623)

DATE: 10/4/67

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (157-2968) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON)

ReTPairtel, 9/30/67.

A result of the counterintelligence letter and petition mailed at Titusville, Fla., on 8/17/67, the following information has been furnished by informants of the Tampa Office.

When WILLIAM RICHARDSON was first notified of the existence of the petition, he became furious and immediately placed the entire blame for the petition on NORMAN CARTER, a recently resigned member of the Eau Gallie Klavern of the UKA. The evening that RICHARDSON was advised of the petition, he sent two of his underlings to CARTER's home where they threatened CARTER and his wife before being ousted at gun point. CARTER reportedly notified the Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON of the incident and was given assurance by SHELTON that the matter would be investigated, inasmuch as this was not the first complaint that he had received concerning RICHARDSON.

The Exalted Cyclops of the Vero Beach UKA Klavern was also advised of the incident and he indicated that he would take the matter up with JOHN PAUL ROGERS, the Grand Titan of Province Two, Realm of Florida UKA.

Six members of the Cocoa Klavern signed the petition against RICHARDSON and mailed the signed petition to SHELTON. The leader of the Klavern refused to sign the petition which caused a split within the Klavern and this Klavern has not been meeting since shortly after this took place.

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The Orlando Klavern reportedly was in favor of the petition but had a meeting with RICHARDSON present, at which time RICHARDSON agreed not to meddle in the affairs of the Klavern and as a result, the members agreed not to send the petition to ROBERT SHELTON.

One of the petitions was sent to RICHARDSON with a postscript indicating that it was known that RICHARDSON was having an extramarital affair with a woman in Orlando Fla. As a result of this, RICHARDSON and one of his associates made some threatening telephone calls to NORMAN CARTER and his wife and also to CARTER's place of employment. CARTER notified local police agencies of the calls and protection was provided for CARTER and his family. **Sender of petition**

unknown. During the National Klonvocation of the UKA held at Tuscaloosa, Ala., 9/2-3/67, at the opening session, Florida was not given a place on the podium and only after the Florida delegation complained of this to ROBERT SHELTON did he permit Florida to have a seat at the podium. After the Klonvocation there was a special meeting of all Florida delegates which was held in Tuscaloosa and one of the reasons for the meeting was to persuade SHELTON to appoint WILLIAM RICHARDSON as the Grand Dragon of the Realm of Fla. At this meeting, SHELTON indicated that he did not believe that Florida was ready for a Grand Dragon at this time.

It is felt that as a direct result of the counter-intelligence letter and petition, the Eau Gallie Klavern has been disbanded, the Cocoa Klavern has not been meeting and RICHARDSON was not named as the Grand Dragon of the Realm of Florida of the UKA.

ROBERT SHELTON, is due to come to Florida during October, 1967, and a large rally is planned for Orlando on October 14, 1967. Upon SHELTON's visit, it appears that RICHARDSON will again make efforts to be named as Grand Dragon of the Realm of Fla.

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ReTPairtel, 9/30/67, indicates that an article concerning RICHARDSON and the Realm of Florida is appearing in the "Today" newspaper which is published in Cocoa, Fla. This article makes reference to the petition mentioned above and the dispute between RICHARDSON and CARTER.

Copies of the article will be furnished to the Bureau.

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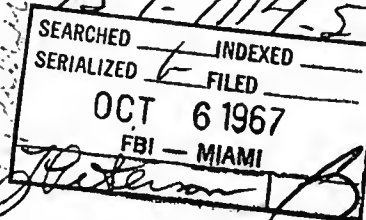
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DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)

Re Miami airtel to Bureau 9/26/67.

The files of the Jacksonville Office do not show that contact has ever been made with the office of Governor CLAUDE R. KIRK, JR., or Mr. WILLIAM SULT, Superintendent of the State School for Boys, concerning klan membership of state employees.

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OF HATE GROUPS (UKA, INC.)
RM (KLAN)

ReMMairtel 9/26/67.

You are authorized to furnish Gene Struhl with information concerning the rallies of the UKA to be held in Florida in the near future.

Prior to furnishing Struhl any lead information or public source information, you should furnish the Bureau a complete list of all information you wish to disseminate.

The Bureau's interests must be protected in this matter. Keep the Bureau advised of all steps taken as well as a description of the television show exposing the UKA.

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RM (KLAN)

Re Miami airtel to Bureau, 9/26/67; Bureau airtel to Miami, 10/4/67; Miami airtel to Birmingham, 9/28/67; and Charlotte airtel to Bureau dated 10/4/67, entitled "UKA, INC., KK KK."

Bureau authority is requested to furnish, on a confidential basis, the following Xerox copy of a newspaper article to Channel 7, Miami, Fla.:

"FBI Nabs 12 In Dawn Arrests; All Charged In Rights Violence," which appeared in the "Salisbury Post," Salisbury, N.C., 7/18/67.

(Bureau is in possession of contents of this article, which was enclosed in referenced Charlotte airtel.)

In addition, there are enclosed for the Bureau the following listed articles, two copies each, which Miami also desires to furnish to Channel 7:

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"Jackson Temple Bombed; 3 Held"
which appeared in "The Birmingham News"
Birmingham, Ala., 9/19/67.

"3 Arrested After Synagogue Blast"
which appeared in "The Birmingham
News" Birmingham, Ala., 9/20/67.

"FBI Joins Probe of Temple Bombing"
which appeared in "The Birmingham
News" Birmingham, Ala., 9/20/67.

"Mechanic Held In Cross Burning"
which appeared in "Miami Herald"
Miami, Fla., 5/6/67.

Jackson is requested to immediately furnish
Miami with any information linking the bombing of the
Jewish Synagogue in Jackson with UKA members and/or
former members.

DIRECTOR, FBI

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Re Miami airtel to Bureau, 10/5/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 2 copies of a newspaper clipping from the "Miami News," a local Miami, Florida, newspaper, September 28, 1967, captioned "WCKT's States Rights Party Documentary Stirs Up A Storm." This clipping was inadvertently not furnished to the Bureau.

The article sets forth additional results of this counterintelligence measure.

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WCKT's States Rights Party Documentary Stirs Up A Storm

By **HERB KELLY**

Radio-TV Editor of The Miami News

Channel 7's been flooded with letters and phone calls, most of them good, some of them bad, for its "Thunderbolt on the Right" documentary on the National States Rights party and its activities in South Florida. The praise cited such words as "patriotism," the condemnation branded it "Communism."

Some viewers were so interested they asked WCKT to run it for them again at private showings. Among them were **Bill Murrin**, chairman of the Republican state executive committee, who brought a party of six with him; representatives of the American Civil Liberties Union who made a special flight from Tampa; **Jack McClintock**, editor of the Tampa Tribune's Sunday magazine, who plans to run a series on the States Righters, the Anti-Defamation League and the American Jewish committee.

WCKT's expanded news coverage has resulted in one strange situation. **Jim Black** has been added to the news staff. His wife, **Kerry**, works as a secretary at **WTVJ** and his father-in-law, **Tom Nugent**, is sports director for **WLEW**. Another new face is **Jerry Dal Porto**. . . **Sandra Payton**, producer's assistant in the documentary department, has lined up **Pinchas Sapir**, Israeli minister of finance; ex-Gov. **George E. Wallace** of Alabama; Senator **Charles Percy** and Supreme Court Justice **William Douglas** for the Face and Florida Forum programs. . . **Florence Kaplan**, the station's assistant promotion manager is vacationing in New York and **Evelyn Pichott**, promotion manager, will attend a seminar in Toronto Oct. 14-18.

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Illegal Voting Trial Delayed To December

The jury trial of 31-year-old Leon Flynn, local Ku Klux Klan organizer charged with voting illegally, has been continued to December 26.

The state requested the delay because they need "additional evidence." The trial had been set for Monday.

This is the second continuance of the trial. Flynn is charged with lying about his criminal record in order to vote.

He was convicted in New Jersey in 1955 for rape.

County Solicitor Mrs. Angeline Weir says the state has only to prove he voted in order to get a conviction.

"There's some question whether that can be proved, since no one sees anyone vote," Mrs. Weir said.

Mrs. Weir believes proof that Flynn signed in at one of the precincts would be sufficient.

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FT. LAUDERDALE NEWS

Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

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**LOCAL KKK ORGANIZER'S
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Dear Andy

Reference our telephone conversation
Oct 3rd 67. In talking with Paul
he said you are having trouble with
collecting dues. Andy this is always
going to be a problem, and you just
might as well realize, will never change.
I have talked with Usable, and he said
since you are so small, and need the
money, you may keep the national portion
of the monthly dues until further notice.
The same will be true of initiation fees.

I will know the cost of trying to
run that operation out there.

Don. advise me if you received
application blanks, membership cards,
Haggle Kite (Constitution & Initiation Ceremonies, etc.)
and the exact number of robes back from
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those valves you presently have, except
a few (10 or 15)
(you hold your own)

Ship cheapest way (C.O.D.) - truck to:

Rev. Oren F. Potito
P.O. Box 412
Ocala, Fla.

Remember it is a must that you
ship them this weekend. It will take
5 days to get them by truck, but that's ok.
Be sure you box them up real tight, and
don't procrastinate on me ~~about~~
huddy. We definitely need those valves
immediately.

We are going to hold a series of
rallies in Fla. over the next 12
weeks a total of 10 rallies altogether.

So I will be vicariously living them, to
save wear and tear. If you need any-
thing call me through Owen or if you
can drop by on the way to Washington. We
have much to discuss for this coming year
activities in the L.A. Area.

Doreen said to say Hi to momma, and
we hope you have a son like me are
going to have.

Don I stress again the importance
of you shipping these robes collect
this weekend! (out of Tax)

May you, your wife, and children
be bless by Jesus Christ, in your
coming months of struggle.

In Christ's name
Rev. Fowler.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-6329)(157-9-26)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-1509)(157-1448)

SUBJECT : CALIFORNIA KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
(CKKKK)
RM - KLAN ~~157-1514~~
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM 157-1114*
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS (KKK)

Re Los Angeles letter 8/30/67 captioned,
"Counterintelligence Program, IS, Disruption of Hate
Groups (KKK)", Bureau letter to Los Angeles 9/22/67,
same caption, and Los Angeles airtel to Bureau 9/27/67
captioned "WILLIAM VIRGIL FOWLER, RM-KLAN".

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For the information of the Florida offices, especially the Jacksonville Office, the Los Angeles Office is conducting a counterintelligence program which would cause a split between VENABLE and the NKKKK and FOWLER. FOWLER, in leaving the Los Angeles area, left owing large sums of money to creditors in this area. Letters have been prepared by the Los Angeles Office, over the name of FOWLER, telling the creditors that they can collect the money owed them by sending a statement to JAMES R. VENABLE, Attorney, c/o Walter R. Brown Building, Atlanta, Georgia. Since the original intent was to cause friction between FOWLER and VENABLE, and this has already materialized, it is requested that Jacksonville determine if FOWLER is operating with the KKK in that area, and who is the Exalted Cyclops. When this is determined, it is the intention of the Los Angeles Office to have these letters changed, and advising the creditors that the money can be had by writing to the individual in Florida. In this way a further breach will develop, this time between the KKK in Florida and FOWLER.

For the information of the Jacksonville Office the Bureau has authorized that these letters be prepared and mailed from Atlanta, Georgia, when FOWLER was definitely in that area, thus adding to the authenticity of the letter. It is requested that nothing be done by Jacksonville until the Bureau has once again approved this counterintelligence

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measure and allows the letters to be mailed from the Florida area where FOWLER is operating in behalf of the KKK. It is hoped that if the Exalted Cyclops in that area suddenly receives numerous letters from FOWLER's creditors in the Los Angeles area, this will drive the KKK in Florida and FOWLER further apart.

By airtel dated 9/27/67, captioned "WILLIAM VIRGIL FOWLER, RM-KLAN", all of the offices in the Southeast area of the United States were alerted to the possibility that FOWLER might visit their area. Photographs of FOWLER were sent to these offices for their assistance in identifying FOWLER.

The Jacksonville Office is requested to inform the Los Angeles Office concerning the presence of FOWLER in their area, and to advise the Bureau and Los Angeles of the possibility of utilizing the counterintelligence program as set forth above.

APPENDIXCALIFORNIA KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (CKKKK)

Source one advised that in late August, 1966, large amounts of literature were dispensed in the San Fernando Valley area of Los Angeles, advertising the "Ideals of the Ku Klux Klan, a California Committee", and containing Post Office Box 312, La Crescenta, California, and the name of Reverend WILLIAM V. FOWLER, State Chairman of the CKKKK. Also distributed was an announcement that a rally of the CKKKK and a "gigantic cross burning" would be held on September 17, 1966, at Saugus, California.

A second source advised that the CKKKK has attempted to hold two rallies, one on September 17, 1966, at Saugus, California, the other in an open field at San Bernardino, California, on November 19, 1966. The first rally attracted approximately 200 persons, half of this number being members of the news media. This rally came to an abrupt halt as the road into the rally was closed in the interest of public safety. The second rally, which attracted about 70 persons, never got started as FOWLER was arrested for holding a meeting without a permit.

A third and fourth source advised that on February 19, 1967, a meeting of the CKKKK was held at Los Angeles, California, at which time several persons were initiated into the CKKKK. These sources advised that this klan group was told by FOWLER that the CKKKK was affiliated with Georgia's National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard. The CKKKK is not incorporated in the State of California.

These sources advised that the CKKKK promotes white supremacy, calling America a "white man's country", the segregation of the races, and is anti-Jewish.

The day-to-day operations of the CKKKK are handled by WILLIAM V. FOWLER, self-appointed State Chairman, Honorary State Cyclops, CKKKK, from his residence at 3430 Mayfield Avenue, La Crescenta, California.

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
(NKKKK)

A source advised that on May 22, 1960, the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan met at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss consolidation of the Klan's unity of effort and activities to establish a National Fund, and a National Secretary, and to design a new flag. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Federation of Ku Klux Klan, Alabama; Association of Arkansas Klans, Arkansas; Florida Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Association of Georgia Klans, Georgia; Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, North Carolina; Association of South Carolina Klans, South Carolina; Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tennessee; and Kyksos Klan, Texas.

This source advised that at a consolidation meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, September 2-5, 1960, at which the North Carolina and Texas Klans were not represented, it was resolved and passed that their name be changed to National Ku Klux Klan.

A second source advised in March, 1964, that several meetings of Klan groups were held during the period 1960 to 1963 in an effort to unite the Klan groups under a single leadership.

The organization was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, November 1, 1963, under the name National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., as a "patriotic, secret, social, and benevolent order".

A third source advised in December, 1963, that the organization had issued a statement of its program which indicated the organization to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-foreign born.

A third source advised in August, 1964, that the organization has a headquarters in Tucker, Georgia, and the day-to-day operations are under the direction of JAMES R. VENABLE, Chairman.

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On October 2, 1967 at approximately 8:35 PM, there was a regular meeting of the UKA, Unit#6 held at 232 SW 30 St., in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

There were THIRTEEN (13) members present who were; KUEHNER, ABERNATHY, STEPHENS, ZBIN, CARLSTEDT, NEVINS, BURD, HEFLEN, TAYLOR, HUNSINGER, JONES, SMITH(Lonnie), and, a unidentified member who is known to be a "Mechanic" for the State Road Department.

The meeting predominately was a discussion over the television interview that the Exalted Cyclops(Kuehner) had with channel 7, WCKT (miami). ABERNATHY who was at the interview told the men how wonderful the show went, and most of what took place. It was heard that the (video tape or) film interview lasted approximately at KUEHNER'S SIGN COMPANY located at 860 E. Oakland Park Blvd., for over TWO HOURS. ABERNATHY said that the publicity was in good taste, and felt that there was in no way room for the TV station to "Louse it up with cuts, and etc." Kuehner was heard to have told the interviewer whose name was GREENWOLD(spelling unknown) of the "image" that SHELTON(imperial wizard) wants KUEHNER to try to get across to the public. Being of corse; Non-violence, and the indoctrination of the public to believing that the Klan is in no way the same as the "old image" that has abeen spread out of ~~proportion~~ proportion by the press, and the Klan's enemies. After being asked if the Klan was affilliated with the National States Rights Party, Kuehner told the men that he instructed the interviewer that they were not. Also when asked if the Klan was along the lines of the John Birch Society, Kuehners answer, according to him was that they were not of the same caliber.

During the usual fiveminute break of the raffle which consisted of a \$5 Bill (currency) in a plain envelope at donation price of 50¢ per chance, which was won by KUEHNER, and turned back into the building fund as a donation, CARLSTEDT, who stepped outside for a breath of air noticed SEVEN MOTORCYCLE UNIFORMED FT. LAUDERDALE POLICEMEN, A MARKED POLICE CAR, AND A STATION WAGON BEARING THE INSIGNIA OF CHANNEL SEVEN TV. After reporting to the EC of his (carlstedt) findings, the EC held a brief conference with the 12 men, asking who did not want to be exposed to the cameras. TWO MEN name of HEFLEN, AND CARLSTEDT asked if they could "wait it out in the building for a half-hour, and have someone return later to pick them up. It was noticed that KUEHNER who arrived with NEVINS (in Nevin's car) drove off HEFLENS car to Lester's Diner, and an un-identified member drove off Carlstedt's car. *Tpr*

The Channel SEVEN newsmen who pulled the surprize "photo-hunt photographed the other ELEVEN members.

Before leaving, it was noticed that KUEHNER the EC walked over to the patrol car, and introduced himself as the Exalted Cyclops of the United Klans of America, and asked what the police check was all about. When assured that it was not a police check, but only a security for the cameramen who obtained permission from the City to secure the photographs, Kuehner thanked the police for

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the photograpers were going to be there, he would have seen to it that he'd had 20 "niggers" there for the showing, which all police present laughed over.

It was noticed that the meeting broke up at approximately 10:00 PM, and after the photographing, NINE of the men went to Lester's Diner on the corner of Rd. #84, and 2nd Avenue to rehash what took place in front of the Klavern.

Within a half-hour ABERNATHY, TAYLOR, and BURD went back to the Klavern to retrieve CARLSTEDT, and HEFLEN. Except for CARLSTEDT, the men returned to Lester's and joined the other members.

STEPHEN'S was heard mentioning that he wondered why MC BROOM telephoned the EC earlier saying he couldn't make the meeting because of having to work, and sounded ~~that~~ as if he thought MC BROOM was involved in the plot staged by the newsmen.

It was also heard that Rally grounds were being sought from the SHRINE CLUB for their property on NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE, and approximately 17th Street., in Ft. Lauderdale. TAYLOR was overheard saying that he offered \$100.00 per night for the dates October 27th, and 28th, plus putting up "his" check for \$100.00 for BOND, that the grounds would be cleaned up the following day. Word on approval from the BOARD of the Club is to be known by WEDNESDAY October 4, 1967 in the AM., and relayed to TAYLOR by HUGH WALTERS, and E.T. WILLIAMS.

A rally already scheduled for October 27, 1967 in Pahokee, Florida will be "pushed up to the 26th of October", if this SHRINE CLUB property is secured. Otherwise the rally will go as planned.

KUEHNER annoumced on the floor earlier during the meeting that during his interview in the afternoon, with Channel 7, he received a telephone call from Elizabethville, South Carolina from MELVIN SEXTON, who after asking KUEHNER why he wanted SHELTON a few days earlier, KUEHNER asked permission for the Channel 7 crew to interview him (SHELTON) for the "Special" Show that will be shown on OCTOBER 22, 1967 at 6:30 PM. SEXTON immediately turned the phone over to SHELTON who told the Ft. Lauderdale EC to send "them" up to TUSCALOOSA between the 9th and 11th of OCTOBER, because they will be preparing the magazine (Fiery Cross). If not the newsmen can see them in ORLANDO October 14th. (1967). It was also heard that SHELTON would be rallying all week in North Carolina.

It was noticed that the nine men stayed at Lester's until approximately 11:15 PM, then all went their own ways.

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From: Director, FBI (157-9-29)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - DISRUPTION
OF HATE GROUPS (UNITED KLANS
OF AMERICA, INC.)
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

ReMMairtel 9/26/67; CEairtel to Bureau 10/4/67; and
MMairtel 10/9/67.

You are authorized to furnish Gene Struhl the information contained in Charlotte airtel 10/4/67 and your communication 10/9/67. Of course, you should advise Struhl that this is being furnished on a confidential basis and the FBI must not be disclosed as the source. Bureau interests must be protected in this matter.

It is noted that many members of the United Klans of America, Inc., have been arrested within the Richmond, Virginia, Division in the last 18 months for such things as cross burnings and assault of Federal officers. You may wish to request the Richmond Division to forward public source information for your perusal if your files fail to indicate information pertaining to these arrests.

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS - DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS (NSRP)
RM (ORGANIZATION)

ReMMairtel 10/6/67.

The film "Thunderbolt on the Right" as furnished by Miami with above-referenced communication 10/6/67 was reviewed at the Seat of Government. The content and quality of the "expose" of the National States Rights Party are excellent. The film, which is the result of counterintelligence steps undertaken by your office, is a credit to your cooperative attitude and understanding of the Bureau program regarding disruptive tactics against Klan and hate groups.

Consideration is presently being given for the utilization of the film in the training of Bureau personnel.

It is noted that additional counterintelligence steps are being undertaken against the United Klans of America by the Miami Office. If this venture results in as much success as the above-mentioned "expose," it is requested that Miami remain alert for the possibility of obtaining a copy of the film involved.

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From: Director, FBI (157-370)

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

ReBuairtel 9/7/67 to recipient offices; Birmingham airtel 10/3/67; numerous communications between the Bureau and various offices captioned as above; and Mobile letter 9/15/67 captioned "Counterintelligence Program, Internal Security, Disruption of Hate Groups (Polygraph, Sodium Pentothal)."

All referenced communications deal with the fact informants have advised that Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, plans to have Imperial Officers and possibly other selected individuals take a polygraph examination and/or submit to the administration of a truth serum, sodium pentothal, in order to identify FBI informants.

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As a counterintelligence measure to further deter Shelton from his plans in this regard, a suggested news article was recently made available by the Bureau to a reliable news media contact at the Tuscaloosa Times, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, for publication by that paper and possibly other papers in the South.

The article is critical of Shelton and, among other things, reveals reliable sources have advised that Shelton is having difficulty holding the Klan together. It states he recently threatened to use truth drugs and lie detector tests on his critics in an effort to maintain a firm hand on the "Invisible Empire." The article further relates that the feeling in some circles is that Shelton, though re-elected without opposition, is having great difficulty in recruiting new Klan members and holding the old-time klansmen in line. It concludes with a statement to the effect it appears that the Klan, although claiming to support patriotism and democracy, actually is resorting to Gestapo tactics and techniques reminiscent of the rack and screw to hold it together.

The Bureau, as yet, has not received any indication that this or a similar article has been published. Recipient offices should be alert to this and advise the Bureau of the publishing of same.

It is entirely possible that Shelton does not intend to subject anyone to any type of truth test. The important thing is for the informants not to overplay their hand to the point where mere talk of such examination might be used to trick them into divulging their cooperation with the Bureau.

As previously instructed, informants are to be indoctrinated against taking any such tests. They should literally yell "loud and long" in an attempt to raise a smoke screen and avoid taking either test. Under no circumstances should the truth serum test be taken. Informants should point out the danger of having truth drugs administered without proper medical supervision. It is entirely possible that persons being subjected to injections of sodium pentothal could suffer serious effects or die as a result of taking the drug.

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With regard to a lie detector or polygraph examination, informants are to be under instructions that all efforts should be made to avoid taking this type of test. They can point out that there are many factors which could cause a polygraph instrument to register possible deception. Such things as anger, fear of being falsely accused, nervousness, dislike for the person giving the test, outside noises or disturbances could all be interpreted as deceptive on a polygraph instrument.

If, however, all else fails and an informant is forced to submit to the polygraph examination, continued and complete denial, if confronted by an accuser who believes an individual to be an FBI source, is absolutely necessary. For your information and guidance, the best defense for interrogation in conjunction with the polygraph is complete confidence in one's own ability to avoid detection, and prior absolute determination not to make any revelations while undergoing the examination. This determination must be maintained throughout the examination regardless of any results shown on the polygraph or any statement made by the examiner. It is common practice for examiners to attempt to bluff an individual into making a damaging revelation even though the polygraph does not show reactions of sufficient importance for the examiner to make an evaluation. If, on the basis of the examination, he is accused of being an informant, he should vehemently protest his innocence and challenge the qualifications of the polygraph examiner. The polygraph examination is not a fool-proof technique and, therefore, the examiner is open to severe criticism. He should insist that Shelton, or any Klan leader who demands his submission to the taking of the polygraph examination should also take an examination under the same conditions. The informant should definitely, and in no uncertain manner, let it be known that it is uncalled for that his integrity and loyalty to the Klan be questioned in any manner.

Recipient offices must clearly understand that there is no guaranteed method of successfully passing a polygraph examination. Also all recipient offices must clearly understand that, in answer to your questions, the Bureau must insist that you not tell informants that the

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above suggestions are made in order that they may successfully "beat the polygraph." The above suggestions are furnished solely for the benefit of informants, if all else fails and they are forced to submit to a polygraph examination. It must be clearly understood that informants avoid this examination if at all possible. The above instructions are furnished to be used only if necessary and informants should be advised that they are being made to them not to "beat the polygraph" but so they may resist the effectiveness of the polygraph test and continue to maintain their confidential informant status.

Keep the Bureau advised of all developments and of any further suggestions you may have relative to this matter.

Membership Shrinks to 15 in Brevard

By JOHN McALEENAN
TODAY Staff Writer

The klan draws its strength from the unknown.

It prefers the image of a "silent and invisible army"—ready to move on an unsuspecting enemy swiftly—then disappear into the night.

Because membership totals are one of its most inviolate secrets, the klan has been able to retain some measure of respect—and fear.

No need for that worry in Brevard, according to a source close to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The klan, particularly the United Klans of America, has almost disappeared in this area.

The same thing is happening in most of the state, according to the FBI source, but the most dramatic example of the UKA's recruiting failure is in Brevard.

The source said Brevard had about 100 members in the UKA

fold last year at the height of the organizing drive led by ousted Grand Dragon Boyd Hamby.

The klan in Brevard now has 15 members: ten in Titusville and five in Melbourne. The Eau Gallie klavern, which has been banished from the UKA, had six members when it was disbanded.

Norman Carter was a kaliff, or second-in-command in Brevard and headed the Eau Gallie contingent when it was dissolved.

William Richardson, the top UKA man in Brevard and 27 other counties, is one of the most hated members in the klan in the state, according to the FBI source.

"The klan leadership in Orlando won't even let him in town," the source said. "The last time he was there they told him to get out and stay out."

Orlando and Orange County are in the district under the Titan post currently held by Richardson.

Richardson and his wife were snubbed on a higher level during the recent UKA convention at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

The source said Imperial Wizard Robert Shelton turned his back on Richardson and his wife at several occasions during the convention.

"The UKA has crossed Richardson off the list for any future klan post," the source said.

The FBI source said Florida UKA members were fed up with Richardson, also.

"They feel all that has been accomplished since he took office was that several klan members had been beaten and several others threatened."

Richardson, outside of his feud with ousted UKA member Norman Carter of Eau Gallie, does not give credit to talk of dissension in the ranks.

"We're more united than we have ever been," Richardson

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EX-KLANSMAN — Norman Carter, former KKK official, says he quit when the Brevard Klan began an internal feud. Other Klansmen say he was ousted. An earlier photograph in TODAY incorrectly identified Howard Brand as Carter.

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said. "I'm the one that has been able to patch up past disagreements and get people working together again."

The biggest thing on the agenda this year for Richardson is the statewide UKA rally

scheduled for Orlando Oct. 14.

"We're really going to put on a show," Richardson said. "There will be country music and big pits of barbecue and we'll have guest speakers from all over the South. Even Mr. Shelton is coming down."

Richardson hopes to make it as impressive a rally as the one he visited a little over a year ago in Virginia.

The one that had big black cars and traffic officers opening doors and saying "yes, sir" and "no, sir."

Florida's Klan: Battle for Power

Florida's Ku Klux Klan is in the throes of a bitter power struggle. Brevard County, once a klan stronghold, is in the middle of the battle. This is the last in a four-part series detailing the infighting.

Threatened My Family, Eau Gallie Leader Says

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By JOHN McALEENAN
TODAY Staff Writer

The Brevard chapter of the United Klans of America became a house divided soon after Titusville contractor William Richardson took office as Titan in February.

Members of the Eau Gallie klavern quit the UICA at the height of the feud in August.

About the same time, petitions urging Richardson be thrown out of office began making the rounds. The petitions, containing a six count indictment, have been circulated in all of the 27 counties.

Leader of the Eau Gallie group, Norman Carter, said he began feeling pressure from the Titusville members soon after the petitions appeared.

"We got all kinds of calls. They threatened to come into the store where I worked and tear the place up. Finally they threatened my life."

Carter, who was at one time the kaliff, or second in command in Brevard, said, "I'm a law-abiding citizen. I'm not going to associate with a bunch of gangsters and hoodlums."

over. The ballot box is the way now. The Night Rider has no place any longer."

Carter said the current klan

leadership "has everybody disgusted."

He said: "I don't know how

That's all they are up in Titusville."

Richardson dismisses Carter as a troublemaker.

"He didn't quit — he was banished. He never lived up to being a klansman. He violated the bylaws and broke the oath."

Carter said shortly after he left the klan he got a call saying his wife and daughter would be killed.

"I didn't pay any attention when they threatened my life, but it was just too much when they called my home and terrorized my family."

Carter asked for and got police protection.

"What kind of people would stoop so low? This is why I quit. The days of violence are



NORMAN CARTER
... "all kinds of calls"

this going end ... what it's going to boil down to. Somebody is trying to break us up or get some people to kill each other."

Carter said he was still a member of the klan and that he was heading an Eau Gallie group that was "sizeable and growing."

He said he would violate his klan oath if he gave the exact number of members.

Carter said he had received one of the anti-Richardson petitions, but that he had no idea where it came from.

"This is a sneaky way of doing things."

"I'm not even going to sign mine. I'd like to see Richardson out of office, but the way to do it is by an election."

Richardson said he wasn't quite sure what to make of the petitions. "I can't find anybody who will admit putting them out. If I could, maybe I'd find out why."

Richardson said he received one at his office and has had several calls from klansmen

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around the state reporting they had received petitions.

"I'm telling everybody the same thing: 'If you want to sign it and send it to Tuscaloosa, go right head. If not, send it to me and I'll throw it away.'"

Richardson said his boss, Imperial Wizard Robert Shelton, in Tuscaloosa, Ala., was aware the petitions were being circulated.

"They got one up there. An unsigned one. He throws all his unsigned mail away. So do I."

Richardson said his real trouble with Carter started late this summer when Richardson's wife received an obscene letter.

The letter accused Richardson of having secret meetings with another woman.

The letter was unsigned, but Richardson said: "We're sure Carter sent it to stir up trouble. It was typewritten and the type face was identical to other letters we had received from Carter."

Carter denied sending any such letter. "I got calls accus-

ing me this, but they wouldn't come down and make an analysis, so finally I told him (Richardson) to go to hell and I hung up."

The counts in the petition calling for Richardson's removal are:

1—By virtue of his arrests, he has brought the klan prestige in the state to the lowest possible point.

2—He has not given a proper account of the expenditure of Klan funds.

3—He illegally disbanded the Eau Gallie klavern.

4—Richardson and his lieutenants continually carry guns, often displaying them in a reckless and unnecessary manner.

5—He uses profanity frequently in public places, which embarrasses the klan.

6—He has recruited young klansmen and subsequently, by his actions, has caused them to be arrested and have police records.

NEXT: A source close to the FBI talks about the klan in Brevard.

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Getting the Right Image Makes All the Difference

T O D A Y
Cocoa, Fla.

By JOHN McALEENAN
TODAY Staff Writer

William Herbert Richardson is a man who firmly believes in a good image.

Richardson, a Titusville contractor, is a Titan in the United Klans of America. He has some positive ideas about what the klan image should and should not be.

"It should not be somebody trying to create mob violence and a bunch of radicals," Richardson said. "That's not the image we want. We don't condone a lot of head-knocking."

Richardson attended a statewide UKA rally in Virginia last year and found the image he was looking for.

The affluence and influence of the Virginia klan impressed him.

"They had thousands of people there. Lots of shiny black cars bringing klansmen to this fancy hotel. Policemen were all around directing traffic, opening doors and saying 'yes, sir' and 'no sir'."

"I saw right then what money could buy and how things could be," Richardson said. "I compared it to what we had in Florida—which was almost nothing—and vowed to go back and work to make the klan a success."

The first thing Richardson worked on was getting rid of the Grand Dragon at the time, Boyd Hamby.

Florida's Klan: Battle for Power

● The Florida Ku Klux Klan is in the throes of a bitter power struggle. Brevard County, once a klan stronghold, is right in the middle of the battle. This is the second of a series by TODAY reporter John McAleenan.

"Hamby was a good speaker, but he just didn't have what it takes. He couldn't make decisions, he didn't trust anybody, and he didn't show any leadership," Richardson said.

Richardson, with the help of other klan members, was successful in having Hamby discredited.

"I feel a little bit sorry for the man," Richardson said, "but he just didn't have the right tools for the job. He didn't set a good example. He didn't have a good image."

Richardson, 38, the father of four, quickly moved into the power vacuum and stepped into the klan hierarchy following Hamby's downfall.

And he went to work to polish his image.

George Wallace for President stickers on the front of his car. Night Riders of the UKA stickers on the back of his car.

Memberships in the American Legion and the PTA.

A no-nonsense, no-frill wardrobe. Boots, tight levis, a cowboy shirt, a Stetson-type hat. A loaded .38 in a worn leather holster.

"I carry a gun with me all the time. My wife does, too. Just to protect ourselves."

All this image-building has not been without some setbacks. There have been two arrests this year.

The first was April 8 in Plant City involving a squabble with city officials over whether klan members would be given a parade permit.

The permit was denied, the klan paraded anyway, and Richardson and six others were charged and found guilty of unlawful assembly and vagrancy. Each was fined \$750. The convictions are currently under appeal in circuit court.

Richardson's second arrest

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was on May 28 for intent to commit murder and aggravated assault. He was charged in the brutal blackjack beating of two teenagers in St. Catherine, a small community about 100 miles north of Cocoa.

A bad rap for a man who doesn't condone head-knocking and Richardson says he is innocent. "People would love to make it look like the klan did this, but it's just a way to pass the buck."

Richardson said when he was arrested he was on his way back

from visiting a sick friend in the hospital.

He was bound over on the charges and is free under \$4,500 bond. The trial is expected to start in January.

Richardson, his wife Lluuana, and three of their four children, live at 2905 Jasmine St., in Titusville's Gardendale subdivision.

The family room off the kitchen doubles as klan headquarters for the 27 counties in Province 3 that fall under Richardson's leadership.

More of the Richardson image comes through in his home.

On the stereo, you have a wide

choice of records, ranging from The Crusaders singing "Federal Aid, Hell, the Money Belongs to Us" to the Southern Colonels and a little number titled "Dear Daddybird."

Mrs. Richardson doubles as secretary and bookkeeper for the construction firm they own —B&L Construction Co.—and

handles quite a bot of correspondence for the klan.

She's behind her husband 100 per cent in his job, which Richardson sees as having three major goals.

"First, we've got to restore white supremacy. Next, we've got to get some of our rights back, which means getting rid of those amendments to the constitution that favor the colored race. And finally, we've got to unite the state, bring all the different factions together."

Richardson said he has done well toward uniting the state since he took office. "I've more than tripled membership in my

province. If I can do it in 27 counties, it can be done in 67 counties. I'm not saying I'm the man, but I don't know of anybody who has done a better job."

Rumbles in the klan, however, indicate Richardson's image is

not as good as he thinks. Some members are saying not only is Richardson not the man for the Grand Dragon job, but he shouldn't be holding the job he now has.

NEXT: Dissension in the ranks.

Florida's Klan: Battle for Power



WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON HAS POSITIVE THOUGHTS ABOUT "IMAGE"
... Titusville contractor is fighting to get right one for Florida Klan

Florida's Klan: Battle for Power

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In the Shadows of the Burning Cross

By JOHN McALEENAN
TODAY Staff Writer

Recruiters from the United Klans of America (UKA) came to Florida with high hopes late in 1965 — sensing the time was ripe for a major effort to bolster the thinning ranks of Robert Shelton's Alabama-based night riders.

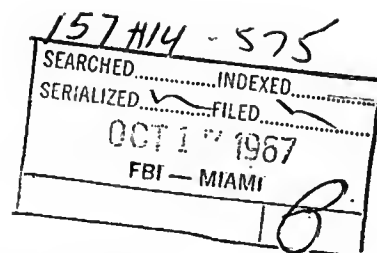
After an initial flush of success, the movement stalled when a Klan faction decided it was saddled with the wrong leader.

From that point, it's been all downhill. Membership in the state has sunk to a new low.

Brevard, once the headquarters for the UKA in the state, reportedly has less than 20 members.

Klansmen in Brevard are divided and fighting bitterly over the few spoils that are left.

The UKA in the state is without a leader.



Florida's first grand dragon, Boyd Hamby, has left the klan in disgrace and is selling used cars in Orlando.

Hamby, hand-picked as Grand Dragon just over a year ago, was booted out.

He was chosen for the top state post by Imperial Wizard Robert Shelton and was stripped of the office after several klansmen under him charged he embezzled over \$800 in UKA funds.

Hamby, 33, was appointed to the unsalaried post in August 1966. He set up state UKA headquarters in Titusville and lived with his wife and five children in Scottsmeer.

He refuses to discuss his fall from favor in the klan.

"If I started telling what I know I'd just dig up a lot of trouble," Hamby said.

"I don't care what they say about me. I don't owe them anything . . . I'm away from that group now. I have a steady job and I'm beginning to pay off some bills."

Hamby said: "I'm not as-

sociated with the klan in any way, shape or form—and that's the way I want it. I don't know at this point if I'll ever be a member again."

Titusville klan member William Richardson, 38, said he is the man who circulated the charges that led to Hamby's ouster.

Richardson, presently one of four Titans (vice commanders) in the state, said he and several other members blew the whistle on Hamby when he wouldn't explain discrepancies in the klan bank account.

FBI sources said a majority of the klan membership in the state became disenchanted with Hamby when they discovered he was driving a new Thunderbird auto while the klan treasury was at a low ebb.

The office of grand dragon was abolished at a state klan meeting in Orlando in February.



BOYD HAMBY

. . . selling cars

Richardson, present at that meeting, called it a "trial" at which Hamby was found guilty of misuse of klan funds and incompetence.

Shelton, who presided, denies this: "It was not a trial. We just decided it was in the best interests of the UKA to abolish the office."

Shelton refused to give any further details or comment on Hamby's removal.

Hamby, only two years earlier, was a favorite son in

Shelton's UKA fold. He was sent to Florida from North Carolina in early 1966 to organize the state.

Shelton said current UKA operations in Florida are being directed from his office in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

He said the Hamby affair was an internal problem. "We don't wash our dirty linen in public."

It was the Orlando meeting, that Shelton divided the state into four "provinces" and ordered the election of a Titan to govern each.

Brevard fell into Province 3, geographically the largest, which includes Orange, Volusia, Indian River, St. Johns, Duval and many of the smaller counties in the middle of the state.

Richardson won the Titan election by one vote, beating out Melbourne klan member Bob Roache, a shop foreman.

The present UKA timetable calls for statewide elections in December to name a new grand dragon.

Richardson said his current work around the state could be called a "campaign" for the top UKA post.

"If I find someone more qualified, I'll get behind him," Richardson said, "but up to



this point, I haven't found any one who could do a better job than I could."

NEXT: The man and his image.

Witness Tells Court Of Gun Battle

Two Accused Of Attack On Three

BUSHNELL — Blows on the head with a blackjack wielded by George Wilbert Newsom, and a gun battle in which up to 20 shots were fired, with the first aimed at William A. Raulerson by William Herbert Richardson, were described by Henry A. Gough Jr. at a preliminary hearing Friday on charges against Richardson and Newsom.

Richardson and Newsom are each charged with aggravated assault on Henry A. Gough Jr. and his brother, James Thomas Gough, and with assault with intent to murder William A. Raulerson.

IN THE hearing before County Judge James W. West, Gough testified he was starting to load Raulerson's car with bundles of newspapers at about 2 a.m. May 28, preparing to help Raulerson with deliveries, when he was attacked by Newsom.

Gough said he was forced backward into the car, and Newsom sat on his legs and put a pistol to his face. He was soon replaced by an unidentified man with a crew cut. Gough said Newsom got out of the

car and blackjacked James Thomas Gough as he arrived at the site, in front of the post office at St. Catherine.

The witness said he was pulled out of the car as another vehicle arrived at high speed and stopped with screaming tires in front of Raulerson's house next to the post office. He said Richardson, driver of the car, pointed a gun at Raulerson as he came out of his house, told him to "hold it" and shot at Raulerson, who dashed back into his house and returned the fire.

THE witness testified he and his brother were forced by Newsom and the crew-cut man to lie down on their stomachs in a patch of weeds at the other side of the house and each put a foot on the prone men's backs while the volley of shots were fired. Meanwhile, two more men had arrived and the four escorted the brothers down the Crocm Road.

Gough said Richardson drove up and the captives and captors got in the car and traveled about three miles down the rock road, where the brothers were released and the car left. The young men started running the other way, toward U. S. 301, and met Deputy Royce Stephens of the sheriff's department with Raulerson.

The witness said they got in the deputy's car which followed Richardson's vehicle, but it turned around and headed back toward U.S. 301. They turned to follow it, he said.

STEPHENS pursued the Richardson car for approximately three miles south on 301 before stopping it.

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Vanderford and Ellison were not participants in the rally.

Davis was charged with assault with a deadly weapon and released on \$100 bond while the others were released on \$50 bond on disorderly conduct charges, Galbreath said.

Vanderford was treated at a hospital for a head wound.

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Brevard Man

KKKers Charged In NSB Assault

A brawl at a New Smyrna drive-in restaurant resulted in four arrests and minor injuries to a senior high school student late Saturday night.

Police said members of the Ku Klux Klan, who held a meeting earlier in the night at nearby Oak Hill, were involved in the fight.

The injured New Smyrna football player was Bobby Joe Vanderford, 19, of 107 New Hampshire Dr. Vanderford was treated at Fish Memorial Hospital for face cuts and scratches.

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The fight followed a meeting of more than 200 robed Klan members, most from Brevard and Volusia counties at Oak Hill, south of New Smyrna Beach.

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TO: SAC, MIAMI (157-514)
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-355) (P)

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KU KLUX KLAN
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

Re Miami airtel to Birmingham, dated 9/28/67.

Re Miami airtel requested public source material which could be furnished to Miami Television Station WCKT-TV, on a confidential basis, showing UKA members involvement in recent activities of violence, and/or vandalism.

Enclosed for Miami are the following articles and newspapers, which could possibly be used to be furnished to WCKT-TV:

1. 2 photostats of an article which appeared in the 7/24/67 issue of Today, a daily newspaper published in Cocoa, Florida. This article contains information concerning the arrest of two members of the UKA on an assault charge.
2. 2 photostats of an article which appeared in the 7/24/67 issue of the Orlando Sentinel, a daily newspaper published in Orlando, Florida, concerning the above arrests.
3. 2 photostats of an article appearing in the 7/24/67 issue of the Herald Tribune, a daily newspaper published in Sarasota, Florida, concerning the arrests.

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4. 2 photostats of an article which appeared in the 6/24/67 edition of the Orlando Sentinel, concerning the arrest of WILLIAM RICHARDSON, Grand Titan, Province Number 3, Realm of Florida, UKA, on an assault charge.

5. One copy each of the October 1, 2, 3, and 4, 1967, issues of Today, containing articles concerning the UKA in Florida.

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Klan Aim Still the Same

WCKT (Ch. 7) and its news department which have been keeping a sharp eye on the lunatic fringe did a job on the Ku Klux Klan early Sunday evening.

The Klansmen, it seems, are seeking a new image and

with a documented survey of this effort called "KKK - a Change of Linen," Channel 7 gave its viewers a discerning look into how the bully boys are going about it.

They resort now to the businessman front, disdaining the old sheet-and-hood theatrics. But as Channel 7's interviews with the new look types — mainly in Fort Lauderdale — disclosed, nothing has changed in the Klan philosophy. It's the same tired, shabby, bigoted line.

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FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-640) (RUC)

**COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - DISRUPTION
OF HATE GROUPS (UKA, INC.)
RM (KLAN)**

ReMiami airtel to Bureau 10/9/67.

Referenced airtel requested Jackson immediately furnish Miami with information linking the bombing of Jewish Synagogue at Jackson, Miss., with UKA members and/or former members.

No information has been received by the Jackson Division at this time which would indicate present or former members of UKA involved in Jackson case captioned "UNSUBS; BOMBING OF BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION SYNAGOGUE, 5315 OLD CANTON ROAD, JACKSON, MISS., 9/18/67. BM."

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-26)

FROM: SAC/ LOS ANGELES (157-1448) (P)

RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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DISTRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS.

Re Los Angeles airtel dated 10/26/67.

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but VENABLE could take it as a real threat to himself, and the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

The Los Angeles Office will continue to remain alert for any information concerning the effects of this counterintelligence program.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-26)

FROM: SAC, ~~LOS ANGELES~~ (157-1448)(P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS (KKK)

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 10/13/67, and Atlanta airtel to Bureau, dated 10/20/67, captioned, "WILLIAM VIRGIL FOWLER, RM-KLAN, COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS, IS."

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implied that FOWLER, and JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard, National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan had a "falling out," and that FOWLER might now try to associate himself with the American Nazi Party.

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The Jacksonville Office is requested to verify the presence of FOWLER and his wife in Silver Springs, Florida, and determine the relationship of FOWLER with POTITO. In view of the check passing activities of FOWLER while in Stone Mountain, Georgia, it is believed that this is the appropriate time for the letters to be sent from Florida to FOWLER's creditors in California, before FOWLER can become involved in KKK activities in that area.

Jacksonville is requested, after verification of FOWLER's presence in Florida, to notify the Bureau and Los Angeles so that the Bureau can approve the mailings and Los Angeles can prepare the mailings.

It is the thought of the Los Angeles Office that perhaps the Atlanta Office can obtain a list of creditors in the Atlanta area (by means of credit reports), such as the Peacock Stationary and Office Supplies, and after Los Angeles has sent the letters from here, Atlanta can consider sending a similar letter.

Atlanta is requested to comment regarding this suggestion, taking into account that that office has an informant involved

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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-1448) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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Re Jacksonville airtel to the Bureau dated 10/30/67, captioned "WILLIAM VIRGIL FOWLER, RM - KLAN", Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau dated 10/26/67, captioned as above, and Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau dated 9/27/67, captioned, "WILLIAM VIRGIL FOWLER, RM - KLAN".

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and has stated that FOWLER has had a complete "falling out" with the Ku Klux Klan, and that he is unable to hold a job because the Ku Klux Klan keeps having him fired. that FOWLER is afraid to return to California because of some legal action that awaits him in that state. FOWLER is, therefore, sending his wife, DOREEN, and his two daughters, DANA (four years old) and DUNEEN (PH), (born 9/1/66), to the residence of FOWLER's mother, who resides in St. Louis,

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DOREEN FOWLER advised that TOM O'BRIEN is coming to Florida from Atlanta, Georgia, and that he and FOWLER will then travel to Jacksonville, Florida, and attempt to find work in that area.

For the information of the Jacksonville Office, by airtel dated 9/27/67, the information concerning the travel of FOWLER, his family and O'BRIEN was sent to the Bureau and all southern offices, along with a photograph of the subject, WILLIAM VIRGIL FOWLER. It is believed that he will still be traveling in O'BRIEN's 1966 Rambler convertible, yellow in color, California license TFY 402.

Another photograph of FOWLER is being sent to the Jacksonville Office for assistance in identifying FOWLER.

For the information of the Jacksonville Office, Atlanta is office of origin concerning FOWLER, while the Los Angeles Office is office of origin concerning the proposed counterintelligence program.

It is still the thought of this office that if FOWLER attempts to form an alliance with any Ku Klux Klan leaders in the south, the letters referred to in previous communications should be mailed to that Ku Klux Klan leader so that FOWLER can be completely discredited.

Jacksonville is requested to verify the presence of FOWLER in their territory and advise Atlanta of that fact. It is also requested that Los Angeles be advised so that the counterintelligence program regarding FOWLER can be renewed.

FOWLER IS TO BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114)(P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

ReBuairtel 10/25/67, captioned "UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN," concerning CIP activity to frustrate klan activity in the State of Florida.

It is to be noted reairtel reflects ROBERT SHELTON to be concerned about the existence of the National States Rights Party (NSRP). In this regard, the following CIP activity is proposed:

An anonymous letter to be mailed in Vero Beach, Fla., written on an old-model typewriter and in klan terminology, directed to BILL RICHARDSON, Titusville, Fla. As the Bureau is aware, RICHARDSON has aspirations of becoming Grand Dragon for the UKA in the State of Florida. RICHARDSON is reportedly "at odds" with LEON BLANTON, Great Klaliff, Province #2. A suggested letter is as follows:

"Mr. Richardson

"I am writing to you about somethin you or someone in the klan should no. I canot identify

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"myself cause all of us in the Vero Beach klan are so close to Leon Blanton. He has talked at klan rallys round the state for the klan but is really not for the klan. We do not have klan meetins anymore cause Leon is EC and he stopped them. He wants to start a states rights club and had a rally for it. I am sending you a peice from the Ft. Pierce paper about it. Do not let Leon no about this but maybe Mr. Shelton should.

"For God and country AKAI"

Enclosed would be the following article, which appeared in the "News Tribune", Fort Pierce, Fla., 10/25/67:

**"Little Interest In
States Rights Meeting Seen**

"VERO BEACH --- There apparently weren't too many persons interested in preserving their states rights around Groveland and Mascotte, Leon Blanton of Vero Beach learned Saturday night.

"Blanton, state chairman of the Organization for Preservation of States Rights, accompanied by about 10 other Vero Beach residents, outnumbered by about 3 to 1 the persons who turned out for the rally scheduled near Mascotte.

"Blanton, who has been identified as the head of the Ku Klux Klan in Indian River County, blamed the lack of time for advance publicity as the reason for the little interest shown in the rally.

"Handbills were printed and circulated in the two central Florida communities Friday night but apparently failed to generate the interest expected.

"The rally was billed as a patriotic rally on the handbills and listed Blanton as one of the

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"speakers with a promise of other speakers for the occasion.

"The local representatives of the organization arrived at the area with a trailer, complete with speaker's platform on top, floodlights and a public address system. However, the equipment was not needed. The rally was called off when no crowd arrived.

"Blanton said Tuesday he has had very good success with previous rallies held in Mascotte city hall, where standing-room-only crowds gathered to hear the speakers.

"The organization which Blanton heads was chartered in 1963 and at one time had a membership here of over 400. Blanton declined to say what the current membership is.

"He said he has no definite plans for future rallies in the state, but said such plans are in process.

"The Organization for Preservation of States Rights is in no way connected with the Ku Klux Klan, Blanton said."

According to FOIA(b)(7) - (D) the above article has been noted by BLANTON.

Bureau authority is requested to carry out the above CIP proposal. Immediate consideration is requested of the Bureau while instant matter is relatively current.

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)

NATHAN FRANK PLATT, III

Re Miami letters to Bureau, 7/19/67, 8/2/67
and 9/26/67, under the Counterintelligence Program caption.

For the information of the Bureau, NATHAN FRANK
PLATT, III, continues to be active in the Okeechobee Klavern
of the UKA, Okeechobee, Fla., and has been elevated to an
officer of Province 2, UKA.

PLATT continues to be employed in the Florida
State Correctional Department as a "Cottage Father" at the
Okeechobee School for Boys, Okeechobee, Fla.

Under the Counterintelligence Program previously
a letter has been directed to the Governor of the State of
Fla., and to the head of the Okeechobee School for Boys
officially advising them of PLATT's activities in the UKA.
Additionally, as a follow-up, this matter was discussed with

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Mr. WILLIAM SALT, Superintendent of the State School for Boys at Okeechobee, Fla.

Mr. SALT gave no indication of being sympathetic toward the Klan, however, appeared to be somewhat reluctant to take any action with regard to PLATT. He indicated that he had not received any instructions in this regard from the Governor's Office nor from the head of the State Correctional System.

As an additional follow-up to this counterintelligence proposal, the Miami Division recommends that another letter be directed to the Governor of the State of Fla., with a copy to the Director of the Florida Division of Corrections in Tallahassee, Fla., again advising them of PLATT's position with the School for Boys and of the fact that PLATT now holds what is equivalent to a state office in the UKA, as well as having appeared publicly at a UKA rally.

For the further information of the Bureau, in the Governor's reply to the initial letter, he indicated that his office would communicate with the necessary state officials regarding what action should be taken, and that this Bureau would be advised of the progress.

It is felt by the Miami Office, with the many other matters coming to light during the first year of Governor KIRK's assuming office, that possibly this matter has been overlooked or misplaced, since the Superintendent of the Boys School indicates that he received no instructions from Tallahassee.

The Miami Division proposes that the following letter be directed as indicated. If this proposal is approved, this letter will be immediately directed as indicated, and the Bureau will be advised of all tangible results.

Inasmuch as PLATT now holds a position of Klaliff in Province 2 of the UKA, Miami is preparing a summary report.

NM 157-1114

The Honorable Claude R. Kirk, Jr.
The Governor of Florida
Tallahassee, Florida

Re: Nathan Frank Platt, III
Staff Member
Florida State School for Boys
Okeechobee, Florida

Dear Governor Kirk:

Reference is made to my letter of August 3, 1967,
concerning captioned individual.

A source, who has furnished reliable information
in the past, has advised that Nathan Frank Platt, III, has
been elected to a state office of the Florida United Klans
of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Another
source also advised that in recent weeks, Platt presided at
a public rally of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights
of the Ku Klux Klan, held near Okeechobee, Florida.

During investigation, it has been determined that
Platt is currently a staff member of the Florida School for
Boys at Okeechobee, and in view of his employment, information
regarding his Klan affiliation is being furnished to you on a
confidential basis.

If any action is taken by your office or by the
Division of Corrections, Platt's Klan membership should be
established by independent investigation, as this Bureau is
unable to produce witnesses to testify at any necessary
hearing.

The above is being furnished for whatever action
deemed advisable by you.

Very truly yours,

F. A. FROHBOSE
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Mr. Louie L. Wainwright, Director
Florida Division of Corrections, State
Office Building, 620 S. Meridian Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32304

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS-DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(NSRP AND UKA)
RM (ORGANIZATION)

Re Bureau airtel to Miami, 10/16/67.

On 11/6/67, GENE STRUL, News Director, WCKT-TV, made available, at no cost to the Bureau, a kinescopic copy of their filmed program exposing the UKA. The film is captioned "KKK - A Change of Linen" and is being furnished to the Bureau for review and possible utilization as a training film.

The film is being shipped under separate cover, registered mail.

It should be noted that this is a copy of the original, which was in color, which carried a greater impact to the viewing public than does the copy.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-370)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
UKA, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Re Miami airtel to the Bureau dated 11/6/67.

On 11/8/67, CLINTON E. TAYLOR, Investigator, Florida Securities Commission (ESC), 1220 South Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach, Florida, appeared at the Ft. Lauderdale, Florida Resident Agency for the purpose of furnishing the following information:

A representative of the ESC recently reviewed a special documentary program produced by Channel 7, WCKT-TV, Miami, Florida concerning UKA. This program was entitled, "KKK, A Change of Linen".

The contents of this program indicated that Seaway Engineering, Inc., a private corporation, incorporated under the laws of Florida, had engaged in the sale and or transfer of securities in the firm.

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Under the provisions of the Florida State Uniform Sales and Securities Act, the sale of five shares or more in any Florida corporation requires registration with the Secretary of State as a public corporation, with the right to offer stock for sale to the public.

For any corporate official to sell stock without so registering is a felony under the Uniform Sales and Securities Act.

Since Seaway Engineering, Inc. has not registered with the State to go public, the FSC is conducting a preliminary inquiry for the purpose of establishing prima facie evidence that Seaway has engaged in the public sale of its securities.

TAYLOR feels his investigation so far has established this fact and that the FSC Commissioner will shortly hold a public inquiry into Seaway with subpoena powers.

TAYLOR stated that when and if this public inquiry is open, local Klan leaders and their records will be subpoenaed inasmuch as Seaway has been properly identified on the Channel 7 program as a front organization of the Ku Klux Klan.

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TAYLOR desired to know if the FBI interposed any objection to such a public inquiry which was answered in the negative. He stated he would keep the FBI informed of all developments in this matter.

The Bureau will be so advised.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.)
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Re Bureau airtel to Miami, 10/13/67.

On 10/18/67, WCKT-TV, Channel 7, Miami, Fla., taped a Bureau approved program dealing with captioned organization, which was to be shown on 10/22/67.

The program, a follow-up to the successful "Thunderbolt on the Right," NSRP expose, is entitled "KKK--A change of Linen."

The premises of the latter program, which was prepared on a confidential basis primarily from Bureau approved and supplied public source information, is a refutation of the UKA claim to respectability and law abidingness.

The program was previewed before shown on Sunday by TV critics of the "Miami Herald." In the 10/22/67 issue of that newspaper, this program was rated as "one of the week's best bets," in a survey of all national and local programs of the coming week, of which only eight are selected for this rating.

On Sunday, 10/22/67, "KKK--A Change of Linen" was shown as scheduled and did an outstanding job of exposing local Klansmen and their false claims to legitimacy.

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The program consisted primarily of interviews of Klansmen from Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON down to rank and file South Fla. members, all of whom claim the KKK is not a racist or a bigoted organization. The interviews were interspersed with a long recitation of Klan violence documenting UKA murders, bombings and assaults.

The first part of the program was a brief history of the violent history of the KKK, from the Civil War up until World War II, with the resurgence of Klan activity in the early 1960s. It was pointed out that the UKA emerged as the largest splinter group. This was followed by an interview with SHELTON, who was described as a convicted criminal currently released on bond arising from his Contempt of Congress conviction. In this interview, SHELTON referred to the Justice Department as a "babysitter for communists" and that the Department "buys off pimps."

The remainder of the program was a cleverly devised expose of local Klansmen, their backgrounds, employments and social standing in their communities.

The program ended with a warning that "Actions not image count in any assessment of the Klan." It was urged that the State of Fla. should follow Wisconsin and prohibit the incorporation of hate type organizations like the KKK by the Secretary of State.

This film will be obtained in the near future and forwarded to the Bureau for review. The Bureau will be kept advised of all tangible results from the showing of this film as they are developed.

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.)
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Re Miami airtel to Bureau, 10-23-67.

Hereinafter set forth are additional tangible results developed from the showing of "KKK - A Change of Linen" on Channel 7, WCKT-TV, Miami, Florida, on 10-22-67.

The 10-24-67, issue of the "Miami Herald" carried an article entitled "Klan Aim Still the Same". This article commended Channel 7 for its documented survey of the KKK in its program entitled "KKK - A Change of Linen". This article stated that although the Klan is now taking on a businessmen's front, in reality it has not changed and "It is the same tired, shabby, bigoted line".

On 10-23-67, the Florida State Securities Commission, Tallahassee, Florida, instituted an investigation of "Seaway Consultants, Inc.", the KKK front organization in South Florida, which is incorporated under Florida state laws.

According to GENE STRUL, News Director, WCKT, EARL FAIRCLOTH, Florida State Attorney General, immediately after the presentation of this program, ordered an investigation of Seaway to determine if there were any irregularities under the state incorporation laws involving this corporation.

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STRUL also reported that his office received a letter dated 10-26-67, from J. B. STONER demanding a script of instant program because of alleged references to himself and his client, the NSRP, on this program.

The program identified DON STEPHENS, Klaliff of Klavern #6, at Fort Lauderdale, as the General Manager of Worden Young - Import, Export Corporation, which is owned by CY YOUNG, former Mayor of Fort Lauderdale. This program also identified JESSE TAYLOR, a Fort Lauderdale Klansman, as a local contractor. Since TAYLOR's principal source of work is CY YOUNG, Channel 7 interviewed YOUNG concerning his feelings toward the KKK.

On 10-26-67, YOUNG was quoted as stating that "It is nobody's damn business who I hire and that he had no feelings whatsoever toward the KKK".

For the information of the Bureau, it is noted that Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON, while in Fort Lauderdale on the week-end of 10/26 through 29/67, was a guest at CY YOUNG's hotel, "The Ocean Manor".

It was announced on a local radio station that a member of the local carpenters union in Fort Lauderdale has brought charges against JESSE TAYLOR to have him expelled from the carpenters union inasmuch as his Klan membership was inconsistent with union membership.

This program also identified Klansman HAROLD WALTER CARLSTEDT as an official of the Boy Scouts of America. It has been ascertained that CARLSTEDT, an Assistant Scout Master of Troup 120, Plantation, Florida, is currently under investigation by the Boy Scouts of America on charges that he attempted to furnish Klan propaganda to Boy Scouts of that troupe without consent of their parents.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D) has reported that DON STEPHENS, currently Exalted Cyclops of Klavern #6, has stated that he fears his job is in jeopardy in view of instant program which identified him as having been convicted for assault and battery.

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mit STRUL advised on 10-30-67, that he is currently having kinescopes of instant program prepared by his studio for re-play purposes. He stated that he would furnish one of these films to the FBI at no cost. This will be furnished to the Bureau in the near future.

Miami is of the opinion that the Bureau's counterintelligence action in this particular case has been most successful. It has resulted in disruption of South Florida Klansmen. In this regard it is noted that informants have reported that those Klansmen who cooperated with Channel 7 in the preparation of this program have come under severe criticism from fellow Klansmen and it is hoped that this in-fighting will result in some Klansmen discontinuing their connections with the KKK.

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To: SAC, Tampa (157-2968)

From: Director, FBI (157-5623)

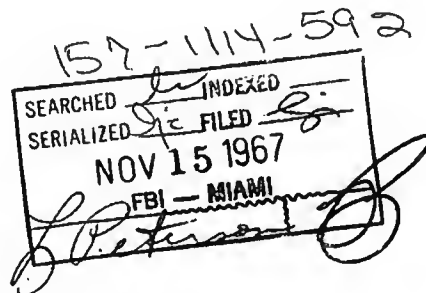
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DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON 157-1737+

Reurairtel 11-8-67.

Bureau authority is granted to instruct Tampa informants [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] in accordance with your recommendations set forth in referenced communication.

Keep the Bureau advised of all pertinent developments and make every attempt to fully exploit dissension in Klan ranks.

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Titusville Titan

Klan Boss Jailed In Two Counties

By JOHN McALEENAN
TODAY Staff Writer

William Richardson, a Titusville contractor and one of the top-ranking klan leaders in the state, had only a couple of bail bond receipts to show Monday for a weekend of KKK recruiting in Central Florida.

Richardson, along with several other klan members, was thrown in jail twice over the weekend, once in Wildwood in Sumter County and once in Orlando.

Charges covering the weekend's activities ranged from disorderly conduct to display of a firearm without a permit.

Richardson is one four Titans (vice commanders) of the United Klans of America in Florida.

Richardson ran afoul of the law in Wildwood, a small community about 50 miles northwest of Orlando, Saturday night when he refused to turn the volume down on a loudspeaker being used at a klan rally.

After a heated argument with police officers, Richardson was taken to jail and charged with disorderly conduct and operating a loudspeaker without a permit.

He went free under \$350 bond and, Monday evening, pleaded innocent in a preliminary hearing in Wildwood Municipal Court. Trial date was set for Nov. 27.

The Sunday arrest came after reports of a wild auto chase through East Orlando involving a carload of unidentified teenagers and a car with two of Richardson's step-daughters as passengers.

Susan Krug, 17, one of the step-daughters, said she and her sister, Llane, 14, and a friend, Anthony Caudell, 18, were chased along the outskirts of Orlando for about 15 minutes by a carload of teenagers.

She said at one stoplight, the driver of the other car stuck a rifle out the window and told them to get out of the car.

Susan said when they arrived at the Caudell home in Orlando, Richardson, her mother and Tony's father, Fred Caudell, were waiting for them. The car that was following them, she said, pulled up a short distance away.

She said: "I think everyone in the family pulled out guns. Mr. Caudell had a sawed-off shotgun. I think I heard it go off once."

The car disappeared and returned a few minutes later with a pair of Orange County sheriff's deputies.

Richardson and both the Caudells were charged with possession of a firearm without a permit.

Bond for each was set at \$200. They did not raise the bail until late Monday morning.

Susan said she couldn't understand what happened over the weekend.

"Everywhere my Dad went they treated him like a real criminal. They hauled him here and they hauled him there. Everytime we looked up there were about 20 policemen in front of us."

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COCOA, FLA.

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Editor: JAMES D. HEAD

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-5623)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-2968) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON)

ReTPairtel to Director, 11/8/67.

In recent weeks, the fortunes of WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON have fallen on bad times. The following events have plagued him:

(1) The Syracuse National Bank has instituted foreclosure on his house, noting that he has not made a payment since August, 1965.

(2) His former wife, LELIA MAE, has filed non-support charges against him in Broward County, Fla., charging he is behind in alimony and child support payments.

(3) On 10/15/67, he was arrested by the Florida Highway Patrol for speeding and in addition to forfeiting his bond, this arrest pushed his point total beyond 12 for a 12-month period. Consequently, he has lost his driver's license.

(4) His personally owned automobile has been repossessed.

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(5) He was arrested in Wildwood, Fla., on 11/11/67, for disturbing the peace after he refused to lower the volume of a loud speaker at a UKA rally. His bond was set at \$350. On his way home that evening, he and FRED CAUDELL, Exalted Cyclops, Orlando Klavern, were arrested by the Orange County SO for carrying concealed weapons and discharging a shotgun without a permit. The incident allegedly arose after a group of teenagers in another automobile were chasing RICHARDSON's wife and daughters in their automobile. When CAUDELL and RICHARDSON became aware that the teenagers were chasing RICHARDSON's wife, they proceeded to shoot at the teenagers car with a shotgun.

(6) The Cities Service Oil Company, after learning of RICHARDSON's Klan background, refused to lease him a Citgo service station in Titusville, Florida.

(7) RICHARDSON's construction company in Titusville, Fla., is now bankrupt and is no longer operable due to the many liens attached to the equipment.

(8) All of the above items, with the exception of items 6 and 7, appeared in the 11/13/67 issue of the "Today Newspaper" and obviously caused RICHARDSON great embarrassment. His wife, LLUANA, called JOHN MC ALLENAN, the "Today" reporter who wrote the story, and accused him of "hitting below the belt". When MC ALLENAN indicated to her most of the information came from her own daughter, Mrs. RICHARDSON said, "Well, you know she is mentally retarded". Tampa has no such information.

Tampa will continue to apply pressure on RICHARDSON until he is removed from his office in the UKA, Inc. In addition, the Titusville PD suspects that RICHARDSON is involved in the harassment of a Negro couple in Titusville and has put him and his close associates under close surveillance, hoping to catch them in an act of violence against the couple. This matter is being closely followed by Tampa in Tampa file 157-3131.

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John Mc Allenan, staff writer of "Today" continues to be most cooperative and his articles on RICHARDSON have caused not only embarrassment to RICHARDSON, but has also caused RICHARDSON to lose the respect and confidence of members of the UKA, Inc. As part of the counterintelligence program, Tampa will continue to maintain close contact with MC ALLENAN, UACB.

Attached for the Bureau are 3 copies and for recipient offices, one copy of article concerning RICHARDSON which appeared in the 11/14/67, issue of "Today", a daily newspaper published in Cocoa, Fla.

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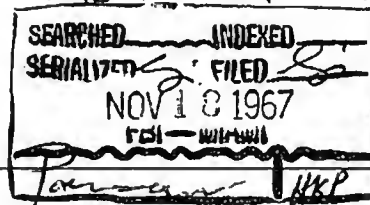
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(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)

Reurairtel 11-7-67.

Bureau authority is granted to direct a letter to the Governor of Florida with a copy to the Director of the Florida Division of Correction at Tallahassee, Florida, advising of Nathan Frank Platt's affiliation with the United Klans of America.

Keep the Bureau advised of any results regarding this action.

*L. Parsons*

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To: SAC, Miami (157-1114)

✓ From: Director, FBI (157-9-29)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

Reurairtel 11-7-67.

Authority is granted to mail the anonymous letter
set forth in referenced communication. Assure that all
appropriate security is given to the handling of this matter
and advise the Bureau of any tangible results.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-5623)
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-2968) (P)

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DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON

For the information of the Bureau, Tampa informants report that just prior to a rally sponsored by the Orlando Klavern on 11/4/67, a fight broke out between the Exalted Cyclops, ED JONES, and a new member, FRED CAUDELL. JONES, who was drunk at the time, initiated the fight by being highly critical of WILLIAM RICHARDSON. JONES was soundly beaten during the fight as were two other klansmen who came to his aid against CAUDELL. RICHARDSON was present during and after the fight and gave preliminary indications that he would bring charges against JONES for conduct unbecoming a Klansman. After the incident, JONES immediately contacted ROBERT SHELTON and apprised him of the situation. SHELTON advised him to wait and not do anything until he could come to Florida. SHELTON advised that he thought he could be there on 11/18/67.

On 11/6/67, a trial was held at the Orlando Clubhouse for JONES. The meeting quickly broke down as RICHARDSON banished JONES from the UKA. During the course of the meeting, several officers of the klavern said that they were going to resign if JONES were thrown out. Finally RICHARDSON eliminated all of the officers of the

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klavern and advised that they would then hold an election for new officers. FRED CAUDELL was elected exalted cyclops by a vote of 19 to 13. All of the officers were elected by similar votes, thus emphasizing the spirit of the klavern. "BUD" NAREK told those present that he was resigning from the Orlando Klavern due to the illegality of the entire matter. He advised all that he would be in contact with SHELTON regarding the entire situation. RICHARDSON then advised that a meeting would be held on 11/13/67, at the clubhouse. At this point, JONES and his supporters advised that no one was going to use that clubhouse for anything. Another dispute followed and before JONES and about 10 others walked out, they all vowed no one would use the clubhouse and that anyone who tried would have to come through the gate over their dead bodies.

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It should be noted that SHELTON is familiar with FOIA(b)(7) - (D) and considers him to be a bright prospect in UKA circles. Tampa will insure that the tone of the letter could not be construed to be a total denunciation of RICHARDSON, but rather a logical analysis of his performance during the past year.

In view of the potential for violence in the Orlando Klavern, Tampa has advised all informants to be cautious and to appear to straddle the fence in the argument.

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Early Bureau approval is sought in order to implement the above suggestions prior to 11/18/67.

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Brief description of activity or material: Visit of Imperial Wizard R. M. SHELTON to Fla., 10/13-15/67. FRED KUEHNER's visit at Tuscaloosa, Ala., 10/15-19/67. Report on Klan rallies and State Officer's Meeting.		File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

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ACTION:

1. LHM submitted on all public rallies and officer's meeting.
2. Bureau notified by airtel of all pertinent info. contained in this report.

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Fort Lauderdale, Florida
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On October 13, 1967, FLOYD NEVINS, Klans Security Guard, and FRED KUEHNER, Imperial Klokann, travelled to Lake Wales, Fla., for the purpose of attending a rally in that city and prior thereto meeting with the Imperial Wizard, ROBERT SHELTON. At 4:00 P.M. COY NEAL, ROBERT SHELTON and MELVIN SEXTON arrived by private airplane at the Lake Wales Airport. This plane is a two engine Bonanza aircraft-SN-N6380T. *SN N683T per*

From the Lake Wales Airport, this party travelled to the Lake Wales Motel, located one mile south of Highway 60, on U.S. Highway 27. JOHN PAUL ROGERS, Titan of Providence #2 met with these officials at the hotel, for a conference. *per*

Thereafter, the party left for the rally site which was located two miles south of Lake Wales on Highway 27. This rally commenced at 8:00 P.M., and there were approximately 200 people in attendance; and the rally concluded with a burning of a 25ft. cross.

The rally was opened by the Master of Ceremonies FRED KUEHNER, and followed by a prayer by the Kludd of the local unit, who also read certain Bible quotations.

The next speaker was the Titan, of Providence #3, WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON.

RICHARDSON speech was a bitter attack against the President of the U.S. and the present *per* administration. He also spoke of Negroes in a derogatory manner. During his speech, ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard expressed *per* satisfaction with this type of speech. *dis-
satisfac-*

The next speaker was the Titan of Providence #2, JOHN PAUL ROGERS. ROGERS was followed by the feature *per* speaker of the evening, Imperial Wizard, ROBERT SHELTON. SHELTON gave his usual 30 minute speech by explaining the Communist conspiracy against the U.S.

During the cross burying ceremony, a record of the voice of BOB JONES was played which explained the

cross burning ceremony.

No incidents took place and no collection was taken up.

Very little literature and Klan material was sold, probably less than \$30 was collected through the sale of this paraphernalia.

The party was unable to leave the airport ^{for Orlando, Fla.} since the runway lights were not in operation and therefore returned to the hotel in Lake Wales for the evening. On the following morning, 10/14/67, the plane took off at twelve noon and flew to Orlando, Fla. Those aboard the flight were SEXTON, SHELTON, COY NEAL, the pilot, and FRED KUEHNER.

Upon arriving in the Orlando area, the plane could not land at Mc Coy Air Force Field, inasmuch as it is a military installation, and refused to accept the proposed landing. The plane was then taken to Herndon Airport, Orlando, from which airport this party travelled by taxi to the Holiday Mid-town Motel, Orlando.

At the Mid-town Holiday Inn, SHELTON's party was met by BOB COLLINS, ^{was per.} Imperial Klokard, from Atlanta, Ga.

COLLINS, who ~~is~~ registered at another hotel, moved into Rm. 225, at the Mid-town Holiday Inn and stayed with KUEHNER, ~~and~~ SHELTON and SEXTON and COY NEAL stayed in Rm. 227, at this motel.

On the evening of 10/15/67, representatives of Channel 7, Miami, Fla., appeared at SHELTON's room and stated that they were prepared to record an interview with SHELTON, as previously arranged. Because of the disorder, in SHELTON's room, the TV crew moved into KUEHNER's room 225, for the interview. The interview was conducted by MIKE SILVER and the Camerman was one CHEFALO.

SHELTON was pleased with the results of the interview in which he attacked the U.S. Department of Justice and referred to its employees as "pimps".

On the evening of 10/14/67, the scheduled rally of the UKA took place at the Colosseum, located at 6050 N. Orange Ave., Orlando, Fla.

This rally had been preceded by a Bar-BQ which began at 11:00 A.M., that morning.

Guests at the Bar-BQ were entertained by MARSHALL KORNEGAY, Grand Dragon of Virginia, who has his own hillbilly band and entertained with anti-Negro ballads.

At 7:00 P.M., that same evening, a Klan wedding took place at the Colosseum. Unknown to those in attendance, the couple were in fact married and the Klan wedding was a facade in order to obtain additional news coverage.

Shortly after 8:00 P.M., the rally got underway and the Master of Ceremonies, FRED KUEHNER introduced HOMER CANADA, the local Kludd, who delivered the opening prayer. The prayer was followed by Titan of Providence #2, JOHN PAUL ROGERS, who gave a very brief speech.

MARSHALL KORNEGAY delivered a 40 minute speech which he bitterly attacked the President of the U.S., and also held up DEAN RUSK, Secretary of State, and his family to ridicule because of the RUSK's daughter's marriage to a Negro.

DURING KORNEGAY's speech, ROBERT SHELTON, BOB SEXTON, FRED KUEHNER, and BOB COLLINS remarked that KORNEGAY made a very poor image for the UKA. SHELTON also criticized the Orlando rally as being too much like an affair instead of a rally. *per Ray*

KORNEGAY ended his speech with a pitch for a third political party and that Klansmen should support GEORGE WALLACE in the next Presidential election.

During KORNEGAY's speech, a commotion started outside the rally grounds as teenagers began to belittle the Klansmen. Security guards broke this up and no further incident took place.

KORNEGAY's speech was followed by that of ROBERT COLLINS, Imperial Klokard, who delivered a short speech on the technicalities of Klan Kraft.

The next speaker was the principal speaker of the evening, ROBERT SHELTON. SHELTON's speech lasted about 40 minutes and was his same speech he always delivers concerning the Communist conspiracy.

The rally concluded with the burning of a 30 ft. cross which was preceded by a short speech by BILL RICHARDSON, Titan of Providence #3.

During the cross burning, HOMER CANADA closed the rally with a prayer. During the rally, a raffle was taken on a boat and trailer which was won by an unidentified Klansman. During this rally, it was noticed that ROBERT SHELTON was followed at all times by his bodyguard FLOYD NEVINS, and after the rally, they went into the Colosseum office and talked to some officials of the City of Orlando.

On 10/15/67, the state officers meeting of the UKA, Realm of Fla., took place in the Klan Building located near Orlando, off the Chicksaw Trail. This meeting began at 10:00 A.M., and concluded at 3:00 P.M., with a lunch break.

This meeting was attended by 63 persons including the Imperial Wizard, ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Kligrapp, ROBERT SHELTON; Pilot, COY NEAL; Imperial Klokard, COLLINS; and Imperial Klokann, FRED KUEHNER.

The four Providences of Fla., were represented and among those recognized were as follows:

PROVIDENCE #1

OLEN ABERNATHY
JESSE TAYLOR
FRED KUEHNER
DON STEPHENS
JOE BURD
LONNIE SMITH
HERB BLAND
FLOYD NEVINS

PROVIDENCE #2

JOHN PAUL JONES and approximately 15 to 18 of his men.

PROVIDENCE #3

BILL RICHARDSON, and approximately 20 of his followers

PROVIDENCE #4

12 Klansmen, which group did not include the Titan of this providence, PAUL MIMS.

During this meeting \$59 was collected on the sale of a Klan ring.

ROBERT SHELTON conducted this meeting and opened the conference by asking for any complaints against the Imperial office. SHELTON stated that he did not believe that the State of Florida is ready for a Grand Dragon, and furthermore, he knew of no qualified man for the post at this time. He stated that he would not make a final ruling but he recommended that the Titan system be continued for at least 90 days and if at that time, Fla., desired a Grand Dragon, they could hold another State officers meeting and elect same.

SHELTON praised the growth of the Klan since the Titan system was set up and claimed it has grown 300 per cent during that period.

A representative of Providence #3 took the floor and stated that WILLIAM RICHARDSON is a great Klansman, that he is qualified to be Grand Dragon; however, Providence #3 felt that they should accept the recommendations of the Imperial Wizard and wait for a later date to recommend and elect RICHARDSON to the post of Grand Dragon.

A motion was made from the floor that no elections for a Grand Dragon be taken at this time and it was carried unanimously.

BOB COLLINS gave one half hour speech on Klan Kraft, and stated that the Klorann will no longer be a secret document but will be opened to the public.

SHELTON requested Klansmen from throughout the State of Fla. ~~to be in Ft. Lauderdale,~~ to be in Ft. Lauderdale, for two weeks hence to attend a rally in that city so that the officials will receive the impression that the KKK is in a healthy condition in South Fla.

Following the rally, SHELTON, SEXTON, KUEHNER and COLLINS and Pilot COY NEAL, flew to Atlanta, Ga., where COLLINS left this party. The party then travelled on to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and arrived there at approximately 8:00 P.M.

From 10/15/67, through 10/19/67, FRED KUEHNER stayed at the residence of MELVIN SEXTON, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

During this time, KUEHNER was able to fix the printing press of the UKA, which had been inoperative and to run off the current issue of the "Fiery Cross".

Considerable discussion was had concerning the production of altars, other Klan paraphernalia, as well as silk screen processing, which could be done at the Klan headquarters and sold through the fields for the purpose of raising revenue. *Res* *Res*

It was observed that the manufacture and sale of license plates, decals, bumper stickers, and other Klan material, and symbols are a major source of income for the National Headquarters of the KKK.

The UKA printing press is currently located in the old store of SHELTON's father, and SHELTON is currently trying to locate a new printing press building. In this connection, he has offered to buy the "Southern Publishers Inc.", for \$30,000; however, the current owners are holding out for \$45,000. The "Southern Publishers Inc.", previously published the "Fiery Cross" newspaper, however, it was closed by the Internal Revenue Service on the basis of a tax lien obtained by the Government.

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SHELTON himself is also living under fear at this time, and although he feels optimistic about the reversable of his conviction, he probably has private doubts, and also has expressed fear that he and ROBERT DE PUGH of the Minutemen organization, are marked for assassination in the same fashion that "The Jew-Communist" assassination of GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, of the American Nazi party, took place. *Res*

Res ROBERT SHELTON has obtained quantities of sodium pentothal, a drug which can be used as a truth serum. He has on numerous occasions stated that he intends to use this serum on high officials of the UKA, in order to determine their personal loyalty to him and to further determine if they are police informers.

SHELTON has postponed administering this drug on the grounds that the physician who was to administer the serum has suffered a heart attack and has not been available for this purpose.

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Along personal lines, it was noted that MELVIN SEXTON, who is always amicable in the presence of SHELTON, makes belittling and suspicious remarks about SHELTON in his absence. These remarks concern SHELTON's habit of leaving the house each day at 2:30 P.M., to go down to the UKA press. SEXTON stated that the only reason he does this is to avoid going to school to pick up his children. He also remarked that BETTY SHELTON, Imperial Wizard's wife, is lazy and when both officials are out of town, she visits with her mother instead of attending to her job. For his part, SHELTON seems annoyed with SEXTON's excessive smoking habit and in the same sense has made remarks to KUEHNER concerning his smoking.

Before departing Tuscaloosa, Alabama, the following arrangements were made concerning SHELTON's and SEXTON's proposed visit to South Fla., on 10/26 through 29/67. Although this will be a business trip, SHELTON indicated that in fact, no rallies were held, he intended to come anyway with his wife and with SEXTON's wife for the purpose of a vacation.

The following itinerary for SHELTON and party has been set up in South Florida:

Dates

10/26/67

Arrive

By private plane, at the Executive Airport, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and thereafter travel to the Ocean Manor Hotel,

Fort Lauderdale Beach, Fla.

On the evening of 10/26/67, SHELTON's party will fly to Pahokee, Fla., to attend a rally in that city to begin at 8:00 P.M. The rally site will be located on Highway 715, one block south of the Pahokee Airport. The arrangements for this rally are being made by RICHARD KEEN, Pahokee, Fla. Klansman.

On the evening of 10/26/67, the party will return to the Ocean Manor Hotel and on the following day, 10/27/67, at 6:00 P.M., SHELTON is scheduled to be interviewed by Channel 12, West Palm Beach, Fla.

Following his interview, SHELTON will return to Ft. Lauderdale, to attend a meeting of Providence #1, in the Klan building, 232 S.W. 30th St., Ft. Lauderdale.

If the members of Providence #1 so choose, a Titan will be elected to fulfill the unexpired term of S. R. MC BROOM who recently resigned that position in that providence.

On Saturday, 10/28/67, a rally of the UKA will be held in Okland Park, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. The rally site is located on West Oakland Park Blvd., the 23-2400 block on the south side of the street. The rally will begin at 8:00 P.M., and will conclude with a cross burning. SHELTON will speak at this in the Pahokee rally.

On Sunday, 10/29/67, a charter boat had been rented so that SHELTON and party can go on a fishing trip at Ft. Lauderdale, after which he will return to Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

SHELTON stated that while in South Fla., he is considering ~~or~~ taking FRED KUEHNER and wife to Nassau for a short vacation and in order to give him an opportunity to discuss the advantages of moving to Tuscaloosa.

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Brief description of activity or material LEON FLYNN currently residing at 16 Mabel St., Trenton, N. J. and plans to return to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. by Christmas		File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
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LEON FLYNN
16 Mabel St.
Trenton, N. J.
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Dear FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

I called you over a month ago asking for the records. I don't know if you lost my address or what. If you don't mind, deduct the phone call from the twenty dollars and send me the rest in records, don't send all the same, send one of each, and if you have to send a couple of the same, send the best ones. Say hello to everyone for me. I'll be back after Christmas. Hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely

LEON

16 Mabel St.
Trenton, N. J.

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TO SAC, ATLANTA (157-2727)

FROM SAC, MIAMI (157-2248) (P)

RE WILLIAM VIRGIL FOWLER
RM (KLAN)
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Re Jacksonville airtel to Bureau dated 11/9/67.

During early November, 1967, the following Klan informants advised they were unable to furnish any information regarding subject. They were specifically asked to furnish any information relating to subject's connection with the Rev. OREN F. POTITO with negative results:

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had been accepted as a member of the "U. S. Rangers" and that OREN POTITO was anxious to meet him, however, there has been no further contact between the informant and ANDREWS or POTITO since that time.

On 11/6/67, ARTHUR TEITELBAUM, head of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) B-nal Brith, 907 Seybold Building, Miami, Fla., advised that his agency had received

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information that WILLIAM VIRGIL FOWLER, P. O. Box 271, Silver Springs, Fla., and GREN F. POTITO are going to form the National Christian Church at Ocala, Florida. TEITELBAUM was unable to furnish any additional information regarding POTITO and FOWLER at that time.

On 11/16/67, TEITELBAUM advised he had received additional information from a confidential source that the subject had left Jacksonville, Fla., Airport with his wife enroute to California on 11/2/67.

Subject left two forwarding address, which included 20011 Elmonti, 100 Oak, California, and P. O. Box 8312 El Cerrito, California.

According to TEITELBAUM, subject reportedly left 200 Klan robes in an undisclosed warehouse in Ocala, Florida, with instructions that he will send for the robes at a later date.

TEITELBAUM stated his confidential source had reported that a misunderstanding had arisen between POTITO and FOWLER over membership of POTITO in the United Klans of America.

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At Miami, Florida:

Will maintain contact with TEITELBAUM for any additional information he may learn from his source regarding the activities of the subject.

FOWLER IS TO BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-2968) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON

ReBuairtel, 11/15/67.

As a result of editorials and television shows of WFTV, Channel 9, Orlando, Fla., counterintelligence activity by Tampa informants, interviews with members of the UKA in the Tampa Division, and due to recent complete split between RICHARDSON and EDWARD R. JONES, EC, Unit 12, members of Unit 12, UKA, Orlando, are badly demoralized and in a state of confusion.

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FRIED AUSTIN CAUDELL, appointed by RICHARDSON as EC, has been removed by SHELTON as EC and as member of the UKA. CAUDELL has extensive arrest record.

SHELTON has made no formal decision on efforts to remove RICHARDSON, but RICHARDSON has been told to disassociate himself from internal functions of Unit 12.

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[redacted] FOIA(b)(7) - (D) advised on 11/22/67, that within the next few days A. A. "BUD" MAREK, "SMOKEY" WHITE, EDWARD R. JONES and ROBERT B. PEARCE, are to draw up formal charges against RICHARDSON. [redacted] FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[redacted] FOIA(b)(7) - (D) which are to be presented to members of Unit 12 on 11/27/67 and are to be handed to SHELTON on 12/8/67, when SHELTON is in Orlando to pass on whether or not RICHARDSON is to be ousted.

If RICHARDSON is not deposed as titan, Province 3, UKA, Unit 12, UKA, expected to become independent Klan-type group, not associated with UKA, and not having word "Klan" in name decided on by group.

RICHARDSON's whereabouts unknown at this moment and SO Titusville unable to serve non-support warrant issued in Broward Co., Fla.

Bureau will be kept advised.

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TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: MIAMI (157-1114)

COUNTER INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS (UKA, INC. KKKK)

RODERICK GEORGE HUNTSINGER SUBJECT OF MIAMI ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH SEVENTEEN THIRTY, AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF KLAVERN NUMBER SIX, UKA AT FT. LAUDERDALE ARRESTED TODAY ON CHARGES OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER BY OAKLAND PARK, FLA. PD. SUBJECT CHARGED WITH SHOOTING AND KILLING PFC RICHARD K. BROWNLEE, WM, DOB TWO SIXTEEN FORTYEIGHT, US ARMY SERIAL NUMBER FIVE FOUR NINE DASH SIX EIGHT ZERO DASH EIGHT FOUR IN BARROOM BRAWL.

MIAMI DESIRES TO PUBLICLY DISCREDIT UKA, BY EXPOSING HUNTSINGER AS KLAN MEMBER. PUBLIC SOURCE INFO IN POSSESSION MIAMI OFFICE DISCLOSES SUBJECT HAS ATTENDED NUMEROUS PUBLIC KLAN RALLIES, THE MOST RECENT BEING OCTOBER TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYSEVEN AT OAKLAND PARK.

BUREAU AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO FURNISH PUBLIC SOURCE INFO TO MILTON J. KELLY, MANAGING EDITOR, FT. LAUDERLE NEWS, AND TO GENE STRUL, NEWS DIRECTOR, WCKT TV, CHANNEL 7, MIAMI. BOTH KELLY AND STRUL ARE LONG AND TRUSTED ^{FIELD} OF BUREAU WHO HAVE COOPERATED IN CIP ACTIONS IN PAST WITHOUT BREAKING BUREAU

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CONFIDENCE. MIAMI ASSURES BUREAU INTEREST WILL NOT BE DIVULGED
NOR WILL BUREAU BE EMBARRASSED.

SUTEL AUTHORITY.

MIAMI: SA L. C. PETERSON IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY GENE STRUL
OF ABOVE AS STRUL ALREADY HAS PUBLIC SOURCE INFO ON HUNSTINGER.

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(UKA, INC. KKKK).

RE MIAMI TEL, NOV. TWENTYSIX, LAST.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, GEORGE HUNTSINGER WAS PHOTOGRAPHED IN A SECURITY GUARD UNIFORM BY WCKT-TV, CHANNEL SEVEN, DURING THE FIRST PART OF OCT., SIXTYSEVEN, AS HUNTSINGER WAS LEAVING A KLAN MEETING IN FT. LAUDERDALE. THE FILMING WAS IN CONNECTION WITH A HALF HOUR TV PROGRAM PREPARED BY CHANNEL SEVEN AND AIRED ON OCT. TWENTYTWO, LAST.

HUNTSINGER ATTENDED A KLAN RALLY, OAKLAND PARK, FLA., IN HIS SECURITY GUARD UNIFORM ON OCT. TWENTYEIGHT, AND IDENTIFIED BY SEVERAL OFFICERS OF THE OAKLAND PARK PD.

TODAY'S ISSUE OF THE SUN SENTINEL, POMPANO BEACH, FLA., IDENTIFIED HUNTSINGER AS A KLANSMAN ARRESTED ON A FIRST DEGREE MURDER CHARGE OF PFC RICHARD K. BROWNLEE.

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On 10/26/67, as previously arranged, the Imperial Wizard of the UKA, Inc., KKKK, along with his staff, consisting of Imperial Kligrapp, MELVIN SEXTON and his pilot, COY NEAL, arrived at the Executive Airport, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., where they were met by the Imperial Klokann, FRED KUEHNER.

Both SEXTON and SHELTON were accompanied by their wives and prior to proceeding to the Ocean Manor Hotel, 4040 Galt Ocean Dr., Ft. Lauderdale Beach, where they had reservations, they proceeded to the Kuehner Sign Co., on W. Oakland Park Blvd., to inspect those premises.

Thereafter, they checked in Rms. 300, 301 and 302, at the Ocean Manor Hotel. Reservations for the rooms were obtained and paid for in full by Ft. Lauderdale Klansman and Contractor JESSE TAYLOR.

After checking in the hotel, they
After the evening meal, SHELTON, his party returned to their plane and flew to Pahokee, Fla., to attend a Klan rally being held in that city, that evening.
Before the rally, this party had dinner at the beach house.

The Pahokee rally commenced at approximately 8:30 P.M., on an empty field located on Highway 714, one block south of the Pahokee Airport in the City of Pahokee. Arrangements for the rally were made by Pahokee Klansman RICHARD KEEN.

The Master of Ceremonies, FRED KUEHNER, opened the rally with a few remarks and an opening prayer. The first speaker of the evening was JOHN PAUL ROGERS; Great Titan, of Province #2, UKA, Realm of Fla.

The principal speaker of the evening was the Imperial Wizard, ROBERT SHELTON, who delivered his usual speech attacking Communism, the Federal Government and the Jews.

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It is noted that WILBUR FINLEY, RICHARD KEEN and FELIX SLONAKER, mentioned above, are all former officials of the Pahokee Klavern #29, UKA.

No incident took place during this rally, however, after the rally concluded, one unidentified Klansman got into a fist fight with an U.S. Navy enlisted man and was arrested by the Pahokee PD on charges of disorderly conduct.

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ROBERT SHELTON and his party returned to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., following the rally and was greeted at the airport by a delegation headed by JESSE TAYLOR and OLIN ABERNATHY.

ABERNATHY, TAYLOR and DON STEPHENS, met with SHELTON in his hotel room and stated that a problem had arisen concerning his reservations at the Ocean Manor Hotel, inasmuch as the hotel owner, CY YOUNG, felt that for the safety of SHELTON and his staff, they should check out of the Ocean Manor Hotel and into another hotel. It was learned that the press had contacted CY YOUNG concerning the Klan leaders staying in his hotel and he was afraid that an incident might take place.

FRED KUEHNER who later joined the meeting in SHELTON's room strenuously objected to the fact that Klansmen were asking the Imperial Wizard to move from one hotel to another. SHELTON stated that this never happened to him before and it was an insult.

STEPHENS and TAYLOR stated that they would re-contact CY YOUNG in the morning and request that YOUNG met with SHELTON personally so the matter could be straightened out. It was learned that on the following morning, 10/27/67, CY YOUNG met with SHELTON in person and it was agreed that he would remain in the hotel; however, any inquiries from the public would be met with the reply that he had checked out of the hotel.

On the afternoon of 10/27/67, ROBERT SHELTON and COY NEAL flew from Ft. Lauderdale to West Palm Beach, Fla., where at 6:00 P.M., SHELTON was interviewed by a local television station. This station WEAT-TV Channel 12, Palm Beach, Fla., taped the interview which was to be shown at a later date.

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WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON, Great Titan of Province #3, Realm of Fla., followed SHELTON on the speakers platform. RICHARDSON stated that the Klan would continue to fight integration of the races in the public schools system. During RICHARDSON's speech, the Imperial Wizard was overheard making derogatory remarks concerning RICHARDSON's delivery and conduct.

Approximately 150 persons attended this rally which was concluded without a cross burning. \$24.55 was collected from those in attendance. \$61. worth of Klan paraphernalia was sold by Ft. Lauderdale Klansman JOE BURD.

There were six Klansmen present from Titusville, Fla., and the following Klansmen from South Fla., were recognized:

Joe Burd p/s
Tyrone Hudson Rev
George Hunteringer p/s
Mr & Mrs. Com. H. Richardson p/s
+ their truck driver. p/s
Don Zbin p/s

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SHELTON returned to Ft. Lauderdale for the purpose of attending a closed meeting of Province #1, Realm of Fla., which began at 8:00 P.M., on 10/27/67, at the Klan Building, 232 S.W. 30th St., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

SHELTON, himself presided over the meeting and told those in attendance that the Klan must re-organize and grow in strength and members in order to combat the International Jewish and Zionist conspiracy to foster Communism and the World. He stated that he would return to South Fla., during the winter months of 1967, and 1968, for the purpose of attending Klan rallies and helping the Fla. organization develop.

SHELTON was of the opinion that the vacant post of Titan for this province should not be filled at this time inasmuch as the local Klaverns could report directly to the Imperial Office in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. His recommendation was unanimously passed by the members present.

MELVIN SEXTON also addressed the Klansmen and complained of the small turnout for the province meeting. COY NEAL, SHELTON's pilot expressed admiration for the physical layout of the Klan building and suggested that membership be increased in order to fully enjoy the benefits of this building.

^{for} Exalted Cyclops FRED KUEHNER, Klavern #6, announced at this meeting, that he was resigning his post effective as of 10/30/67, because of the press of other Klan duties. DON STEPHENS, Klaliff, will assume his duties at the time of his resignation.

The following Klansmen were noted to be in attendance at this meeting:

Robert Shelton	Res	James Taylor	Res
Melvin Sexton	Res	Tyron Hudson	Res
Coy Neal	Res	Don Zbin	Res
Joe Baird	Res	Don Stephens	Res
Sam McQueen	Res		
Frank Kuehner	Res		
Geo. Huntlinger	Res		
Olson Abernathy	Res		
Tommy Smith	Res		

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On the evening of 10/28/67, a Klan rally was held in the 23-2400 block of West Oakland Park Blvd., on the south side of the Blvd., Oakland Park, Fla. The rally commenced shortly after 8:30 P.M., when the master of ceremonies, FRED KUEHNER opened with a brief speech and a prayer.

The first speaker was the principal speaker of the evening ROBERT SHELTON, who delivered his usual speech tracing the history of Communism in the U.S., and insinuating that it was tied up with the international Zionist Movement.

Mrs. WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON, wife of the Great Titan of Province #3, and her husband both delivered speeches which concerned themselves with the racial integration of the public school system. Titan RICHARDSON also publicly endorsed the candidacy of GEORGE WALLACE for the office of President of the U.S. During RICHARDSON's speech, ROBERT SHELTON was observed shaking his head in discuss.

Approximately 200 to 300 persons attended this rally which concluded shortly after 10:00 P.M., with the burning of a 40 ft. cross, which was surrounded by approximately 12 or 15 hooded Klansmen.

A bicycle, TV set, and two blankets which were furnished by JOE BYRD, Klansman, were raffled off and \$34 in tickets was collected.

Approximately \$82 was collected by the Ladies Auxiliary through a concession stand which sold hot dogs and soda. In addition, approximately \$60 was collected through the sale of Klan paraphernalia and Negro baiting record.

After a rally, a banquet was attended by the following named individuals at the Cat's Meow Restaurant and Night Club, 1600 S. E. 15th Ave., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.:

Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT SHELTON
Mr. and Mrs. MELVIN SEXTON
Mr. COY NEAL
Mr. OLEN ABERNATHY
Mr. and Mrs. DONALD STEPHENS
Mr. and Mrs. JESSE TAYLOR

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The meal was hosted by and paid for by JESSE TAYLOR.

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Approximately 1:30 P.M., Mr. and Mrs. SHELTON and COY NEAL parted the Executive Airport in their plane for the return trip to Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

At about 6:00 P.M., MELVIN SEXTON and his wife departed Ft. Lauderdale in their privately owned automobile for De Bary, Fla., where they intended to visit with friends and relatives in that city.

From De Bary, they intended to return to Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)

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DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UKA, INC., KKKK);
RODERICK G. HUNSINGER
RM (KLAN)

Re Miami teletypes to Bureau dated 11/26/67 and 11/27/67, and Bureau teletype to Miami dated 11/27/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of a newspaper clipping from the "Ft. Lauderdale News", Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., dated 11/27/67, captioned, "Klansman Held In Slaying of Youth, 19".

In addition to the publicity given to HUNSINGER in the "Ft. Lauderdale News", WCKT TV, Channel 7, Miami, Fla., in their evening news on 11/27/67, also reported in detail regarding this matter, identifying HUNSINGER as a member of the Klan, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Any additional tangible results regarding this matter will be furnished to the Bureau.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI - Attn.: National Stolen Property File
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1730) (P)
SUBJECT: RODERICK GEORGE HUNTSINGER
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

On 11-26-67, captioned individual, a Ku Klux Klansman at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, shot and killed Private First Class RICHARD K. BROWNLEE at Oakland Park, Florida. HUNTSINGER when arrested had in his possession a .45 Colt automatic revolver, six-shot, U. S. Army Model 1917, bearing Serial No. 293-066. This gun admittedly was used in the commission of this crime.

Bureau is requested to search the files of the National Stolen Property File for any information relating to this revolver.

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Klansman Held In Slaying Of Youth, 19

By BILL MOAKE
(Staff Writer)

OAKLAND PARK — Murder charges were expected to be filed today against a Ku Klux Klansman arrested in the slaying of a young draftee outside of a tavern here yesterday.

Army Pvt. Richard K. Brownlee, 19 of 4621 NE 21st Ter., Pompano Beach, was shot to death only a few days before he was scheduled to report for duty in Vietnam, according to police.

Roderick G. Hunsinger, 38, who gave his address as 3827 NW 36th St., Lauderdale Lakes, was arrested some 14 hours after the shooting at the new Oakland Lounge, 3998 NW Ninth Ave.

Det. Sgt. Pierre Pelletier said he will confer with the state attorney later today to determine whether the specific charge against Hunsinger will be first or second degree murder.

Investigators said Brownlee used a fake identification when he went to the bar early yesterday morning with two companions, Phillip N. Armstrong, 23, of 3640 NE 14th Ave., and Vernon E. Stephens, 27, of 640 NE 44th St., both Pompano Beach.

"Somebody asked who the best pool player in the room was and a few words were exchanged between Hunsinger and Stephens," said one officer.

Police pieced together the following account of the events that led to the shooting:

During the brief argument, Hunsinger feigned a punch at Stephens, who reacted by knocking him to the floor.

Hunsinger and his companion, Laverne Nichols, 41, left the bar followed by Brownlee and Armstrong. The young soldier taunted the couple and threatened to beat up Hunsinger in the parking area.

Hunsinger then went to his auto, retrieved a .45 caliber

revolver from the trunk and fired one shot in the direction of the younger men three car-widths away.

Armstrong ran back into the bar as a second shot was

fired. Hunsinger was gone when the patrons ventured outside a few minutes later.

Police said the group was unable to find Brownlee after searching for nearly four

hours and summoned the youth's father, Frank Brownlee Sr., and brother, Frank Jr., of 334 NW 43rd Ct.

Together, they finally discovered Brownlee's rigid body

in a hedge at the rear of the bar about 10 a.m. Death was caused by a single bullet wound in the back.

Sgt. Pelletier arrested Hunsinger at his home about 3:30

p.m. The suspect claimed he had fired into the air and did not shoot Brownlee.

Ku Klux Klan stickers and literature were found in Hunsinger's car and home by po-

lice. Pelletier said a large painting of a Klan-robed white knight on a white horse hung on one wall of the home.

Police said Hunsinger had knocked out a man in another

fight at the bar about three hours before the fatal shooting.

The suspect was in Oakland Park city jail today awaiting transfer to the county jail.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-5623)
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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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(WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON)

ReTPairtel, 11/16/67.

For the information of all offices, the Broward County SO received a Writ of Attachment - to the Body of WILLIAM RICHARDSON, from the Broward County SO on 11/16/67. The SO attempted to serve the warrant without success on 11/16 and 11/17/67. RICHARDSON successfully evaded their efforts by hiding in a house. On the evening of 11/17/67, he attempted to take some construction machinery away from his construction office, but one of the trucks broke down a few miles north of Titusville, Fla. His wife, driving another truck, pulling a trailer, was given a ticket by the Titusville PD for not having a proper license on the trailer. RICHARDSON then, according to FOIA(b)(7) - (D) went to Ocala, Fla., and his family followed the following day. Mrs. RICHARDSON returned home on 11/22/67, and when the SO went to the home looking for RICHARDSON, one WILLIAM GUEST, identified by FOIA(b)(7) - (D) as a member of the Titusville Klavern, charged from the house berating the officers and was promptly arrested and held in lieu of \$1,000 bond. FOIA(b)(7) - (D) advised that JACOB FAMA appealed for help at a Titusville Klavern meeting on 11/22/67, for assistance in moving RICHARDSON's household goods to Ocala. FAMA also stated that RICHARDSON was desperately broke and was forced to live in an old trailer that he had once used as a construction company office.

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On 11/23/67, Mrs. RICHARDSON vacated the premises at 2905 Jasmine St., Titusville, Fla.

On 11/24/67, the Brevard Co. SO teletyped details of the Writ of Attachment from Broward Co. to Marion Co., Fla., for serving. On 11/25/67, the Writ of Attachment was given by the Brevard Co. SO to the Orange County SO in that informants had reported that RICHARDSON was going to appear at a meeting in Ocoee, Fla., on 11/25/67. However, to date, RICHARDSON has not been apprehended by either Orange or Marion County SOs. His arrest, however, should occur within the next few days and he will be held without bond.

Jacksonville should advise the Marion County SO that FOIA(b)(7) - (D) has advised that RICHARDSON may be hiding in the home of WILLIE NEWSOME, Summerfield, Fla.

Tampa will alert all informants to be aware of RICHARDSON's present whereabouts in order that his arrest may be effected.

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Klansman Charged In Soldier's Death

By RALEIGH MANN

The Broward Bureau

FORT LAUDERDALE — The Broward County solicitor Monday charged a 38-year-old Lauderdale Lakes Ku Klux Klansman with second degree murder in the shooting death of a 19-year-old Vietnam-bound soldier.

Roderick George Hunsinger, of 3827 NW 36th St., was to have been transferred from Oakland Park custody to county jail Monday night. His bond is set at \$4,000.

The youth, Richard Brownlee of 4621 NE 21st Ter., Pompano Beach, was shot and killed following an argument over a game of pocket billiards, Assistant County Solicitor Robert J. Fogan reported.

Oakland Park detective sergeant Pierce Pelletier said Brownlee and two companions, Vernon Stephens and Philip Armstrong, both of Pompano Beach, got into an argument with Hunsinger.

One of the three struck Hunsinger in the face. The incident occurred at 1:45 a.m. Sunday at the Oakland Lounge, 3996 NW 9th Ave., Oakland Park.

Hunsinger walked out of the lounge and went to his car with his female companion, but Brownlee and his friend followed the couple and continued arguing, Fogan said.

Hunsinger got a .45 caliber revolver from his car and

two shots were fired, Fogan said, one of them hitting Brownlee in the back as he started to flee.

The youth apparently crawled behind a nearby hedge where he was not found until a gas station attendant discovered his body about 10 a.m. Sunday, Fogan said.

A search by Brownlee's friends and police just after the shooting failed to turn up the youth, Fogan said.

State Attorney Russell Clarke said Monday there were not sufficient grounds for a charge of first degree murder in the shooting and turned the case over to County Solicitor Angeline Weir.

Hunsinger's membership in the Klan was acknowledged by a local KKK official. His car and residence contained Klan literature Pelletier reported.

Brownlee, a private in the United States Army, was here for a few days before reporting for duty in Vietnam.

The fatal bullet entered Brownlee's upper back and punctured his lung, Fogan said.

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KKK Faces Illegal Stock Sale Probe

News Tallahassee Bureau

TALLAHASSEE — Florida Atty. Gen. Earl Faircloth is investigating alleged sales of securities by the Ku-Klux Klan in Ft. Lauderdale.

Faircloth said the KKK at an April 18, 1966, meeting in the Seaway Engineering Inc. building, 232 SW 30th St., sold stock to those who attended.

Faircloth said Seaway Engineering never registered any securities "nor were any of the officers registered as a dealer or salesman" with the Securities Commission, of which Faircloth is chairman.

Faircloth identified the corporation officers as Daniel Joseph Zbin, president; Olen Harding Abernathy, vice president; Richard F. Harley Sr., vice president (in 1966); Joseph Brady Burd, secretary; Don Knight, secretary (in 1966); Donald Stephens, treasurer, and Sam Richard McBroom, resident agent.

Faircloth said the Securities Commission today entered a formal order directing the investigation and named three examiners: C. E. Taylor, John J. O'Day and Joshua L. Becker.

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Klanist Charged In GI's Slaying

By OTT CEFKIN
(Sun-Sentinel Writer)

OAKLAND PARK — Ku Klux Klansman Roderick George Hunsinger was charged with second degree murder Monday in the shooting death of a Vietnam bound soldier.

Detective Sgt. Pierre Pelletier said the county solicitor's office filed the charge after a first degree murder charge was rejected by the state's attorney's office.

Hunsinger, 38, will be turned over to sheriff deputies today and placed under an expected \$4,000 bond.

He is accused of shooting Pvt. Richard K. Brownlee, 19, of 4621 NE 21st Ter., Pompano Beach, in the back following an argument outside the Oakland Lounge and Tavern on NW Ninth Avenue early Sunday morning.

Pelletier said the Klansman has maintained his innocence, but admitted firing two shots into the air as Brownlee fled around a corner at the tavern.

Fred Kuchner, a local KKK official and newly appointed officer in the organization made a brief appearance at police headquarters Monday in behalf of Hunsinger.

Pelletier said Kuchner wanted to know if there was anything he "could do" for the accused man.

Hunsinger, described as an active Klan member, was arrested late Sunday afternoon about 14 hours after the shooting and some eight hours after Brownlee's body was found under a tree.

Leaving a trail of blood, the youth had stumbled across a vacant lot and along an apartment house fence before collapsing under the tree.

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State to Investigate Charges Of Illegal Stock Sale Here

By DARRELL EILAND

Of Our Broward Bureau

FORT LAUDERDALE — The Florida Securities Commission was ordered Tuesday to investigate charges that a Fort Lauderdale firm has offered stock for sale illegally.

Attorney General Earl Faircloth ordered three examiners from the commission to probe charges that Seaway Engineering Consultants Inc., offered stock for sale at a meeting April 18, 1966.

He said the firm has not registered its stock with the securities commission and none of the firm's officers is authorized to sell stock.

Daniel Zbin, president of the firm, denied the charges Thursday, saying, "you couldn't buy stock in the firm for a million dollars."

He said the firm was a private one, composed of a group of engineer and that no stock had been offered for sale.

Zbin said the investigation



Building Serves Twin Duties ... engineering firm, home of Klan

is "more harassment," brought on because of his connection with the United Klans of America.

He said the organization uses the same building the engineering firm uses.

The examiners were given subpoena powers to conduct the investigation, but Zbin said subpoenas would not be needed.

"Let the examiners come, I'll be glad to talk to them," he said.

Other officers listed by the firm's incorporation papers included Olen Harding Abernathy, Richard F. Zorley Sr., Joseph Brady Burd, Don Knight, Donald Stephens and Sam Richard McBrook.

Zbin said none of the officers had received subpoenas as yet.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KKKK)

Re Miami airtels to Bureau dated 4/20/66, 4/27/66,
and 11/9/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies each of
the following newspaper articles.

1. Article entitled, "KKK Faces Illegal Stock
Sale Probe", which appeared on page 1 of the "Fort Lauderdale
News" issue of 11/28/67.

2. Article entitled, "State to Investigate Charges
Of Illegal Stock Sale Here", which appeared in the "Miami
Herald" page 1B issue of 11/29/67.

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Prior to the publication of enclosed newspaper
articles MILTON J. KELLY, Managing Editor, "Fort Lauderdale
News" confidentially advised that the Florida State Attorney
General, EARL FAIRCLOTH had summoned representatives of the
press to Tallahassee, Fla., to announce an investigation of
Seaway Engineering, Inc., the front organization of the
Ku Klux Klan (KKK). Additional statements made by FAIRCLOTH
in the news conference are contained in the enclosed newspaper
articles. *omit*

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On 11/28/67, WCKT-TV Channel 7, Miami, Fla., interviewed FAIRCLOTH on their evening news program at which time FAIRCLOTH announced that his decision to open proceedings against Seaway Engineering, Inc., was based upon disclosures made in Channel 7's television program entitled, "KKK - A Change of Linen" which was aired on WCKT-TV. FAIRCLOTH praised Channel 7 for their originality in conceiving such a program exposing the KKK in South Florida. FAIRCLOTH announced at that time that the Securities Commission would have subpoena powers and would be calling local KKK leaders before the Securities Commission.

It is pointed out that such an investigation of the KKK may sound the death knell of the UKA in South Florida. The institution of this action by the Attorney General of the State of Florida is a direct result of Bureau approved CIP actions taken on 4/18/66, during a road block of the Klan building in Fort Lauderdale and the airing of the program, "KKK - A Change of Linen" on Channel 7 in October, 1967.

On 11/23/67, FOIA(b)(7) - (D) advised that a special meeting of the Klan officials was held on 11/23/67, at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., at which time the decision was made to sell the Klan building, owned by Seaway Engineering, Inc., since the building has been operating as a deficit.

The Broward Elevator Company had offered approximately \$15,500 to Seaway for the purchase of this building and on that date a check from Broward Elevator Company in the amount of \$1,500 was accepted to bind the agreement. The closing on the property is to take place in the latter part of December, 1967.

In view of the State of Florida's investigation of Seaway Engineering, Inc., violation of the securities laws,

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Miami requests Bureau authority to notify CLINTON E. TAYLOR, of the Florida Securities Commission, of the possible sale of the building by Seaway. This information will be furnished to TAYLOR on a strictly confidential basis on the condition that Bureau interests therein not be disclosed.

TAYLOR, who is described in referenced Miami airtel to Bureau dated 11/9/67, is a retired captain of the Florida Highway Patrol who has cooperated with the Bureau in the past and who has never betrayed confidence.

Bureau authority is requested to place an anonymous telephone call to the Broward Elevator Company in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., informing them of the fact that clear title to the property located at 232 S.W. 30th St., Fort Lauderdale, may not be obtained from Seaway Engineering, Inc., inasmuch as that corporation is under investigation by the State of Florida for irregularities in its corporate conduct.

Miami anticipates that Seaway Engineering, Inc., will be placed under a severe financial strain if they do not sell this property which has been operating at a loss and will thus adversely effect the controlling interests of the corporation, to wit, the UKA in South Florida.